



The Wrong Fairy Tale
Jack and the Three Bears

By Tracey Turner, illustrated by Summer Macon

As you read along, ask the child the following questions:

- What does Daddy Bear see that wasn't there the last time he looked?
- What other animals do we see as the bears set out on their walk?
- What happens in the usual fairy tale when the Three Bears go out for a walk to let their porridge cool? What is porridge?
- What does "clambering up" mean? Why do you suppose Baby Bear climbs up the beanstalk?
- How do you think Mommy Bear and Daddy Bear feel as they begin to climb the beanstalk?
- Why does Jack take the giant's things? How would you feel if someone stole something from you?
- What does "ferocious" mean? Why do you think Jack calls the giant ferocious?
- What is a "pantry"? What foods can you see in the kitchen?
- Why was Jack rude to his mother?
- What do you suppose happened to the giant? Do you think he deserved his fate? Does he ever come back?



Further questions and activities for after reading the book.

- Ask which is their favorite page in the book and why.
- If the child is familiar with the traditional beanstalk story, ask how this story is different. Which do they prefer?
- Encourage the child to make up a story in which some other fairy-tale character climbs up the beanstalk. Suggest they draw pictures for their story.
- Together, choose two other fairy tales and help the child to mix them up to make up and illustrate their own "Wrong Fairy Tale."
- Read the story again and ask the child to join in on the onomatopoeia and the giant's cries.

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