Spotlight Guide 2018 - 2019



A New Musical by Michael Andrew

Jack lives in the big city and has dreams of show biz, but his mom decides to move back to the farm, reasoning that it will be better for her son. And besides, she just bought a cow and isn't allowed to keep it in their city apartment. On the farm, Jack is not happy, so he creates a stage where he can pretend to star in his very own show!

One day, Mom tells Jack that he has to go to town to sell their cow so they can buy food to eat. On the road to town, Jack meets a sneaky salesman who convinces him to trade the cow for magic beans. When Mom finds out, she throws the beans out the window, where they sprout and grow into a giant plant! Jack decides to climb it and finds himself in a magical land with a beautiful harp-woman and a golden goose who are being held captive by a giant.

Activities

Story Tableau

Have students volunteer to participate in creating a "frozen picture" story about a situation that Jack would find himself in.

Discussion Questions

What was Jack struggling with? How did he handle that struggle?

Star in a Show

In Jack and the Beanstalk, Jack wants to stay in the city and star in his own show. If you could have your own show, what would the set look like?

Friendly Letter Writing

We love to hear from you at Orlando Shakes! So write us a letter to let us know what you thought!

See the full study guide for expanded activities.

Florida Standards

LAFS.2.W.1: Text Types and Purposes LAFS.2.RI.1: Key Ideas and Details LAFS.2.RL.1: Key Ideas and Details TH.K.C.1: Cognition and reflection

TH.2.F.2: Careers in and related to the arts TH.2.S.1: The arts are inherently experiential. VA.1.S.1: The arts are inherently experiential.



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Content appropriate for all audiences.

Children two years of age and younger may sit on laps. Older children must have a ticket.