Jack reached the beanstalk first and slid down. He arrived at the ground with all his treasures. The giant reached the top of the beanstalk and looked down. He was afraid of heights. He slowly climbed down. "BE CAREFUL, MY HUSBAND!" shouted the giantess from the castle. "Humans can be dangerous!" Jack saw the giant coming down the beanstalk. So he ran into his house and grabbed an axe. He chopped the beanstalk. Whack! Whack! Whack! Suddenly, the beanstalk snapped. The giant came tumbling down from the sky. Did Jack find the giant? Did he grow a new beanstalk with the last magic bean? Nobody knows. But people say, if you listen closely during a thunderstorm, you can hear the rumbling sound of two giants dancing together in the clouds. "Jack and the Beanstalk" is an English fairy tale. It appeared as "The Story of Jack Spriggins and the Enchanted Bean" in 1734 and as Benjamin Tabart's moralized "The History of Jack and the Bean-Stalk" in 1807. Henry Cole, publishing under pen name Felix Summerly, popularized the tale in The Home Treasury (1845), and Joseph Jacobs rewrote it in English Fairy Tales (1890). Jacobs' version is most commonly reprinted today, and is believed to be closer to the oral versions than Tabart's because it lacks Jack goes up the beanstalk three times. When the giant is sleeping, Jack steals a bag of gold, a magic hen, and a golden harp. The third time, the giant wakes up and chases Jack down the beanstalk. Jack and his mother cut down the beanstalk and the giant falls to his death. Background to the story. Jack and the Beanstalk is a well-known fairytale. The story first appeared about 1820, and there are many versions. Another name for the story is Jack and the Giant Killer. Topics and themes. Animals. They could use the full rhyme from the book. Music. Make up a sing-song style using the words Fee Fi Fo Foy. Jack and the Beanstalk. Choose 5 numbers and colour them in. Stick them on a piece of card, ready to play a game.