

VISUAL STORY

Jack and the Beanstalk (December 2022)



Hello!

We are so happy that you are coming to watch Jack and the Beanstalk at Jacksons Lane.

We want to make sure you feel as comfortable as possible visiting us, so we have put this guide together to let you know what to expect.

If you haven't been to a theatre before, it is normal to feel a bit nervous about visiting a new place so please do let us know if you have any questions.

We really hope you enjoy the show!

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Useful information for the day

- You can wear whatever you like to the theatre. You do not have to dress smartly. We particularly like Christmas jumpers!
- If you need to leave the theatre at any time, you can.
- If you wriggle or make noises during the show that's fine.
- You are welcome to wear ear defenders during the show if you like.
- You are allowed to use phones and tablets during the show, but please do not take any pictures of our performers.
- We will have a chill out space available which you can go to if you need somewhere to relax for a bit

Before the show

When you arrive, our performers might still be getting ready so you might not be able to go to the theatre straight away.

We have lots of space in our foyer to wait. It can be a busy place with lots of people, so if you need somewhere quiet to wait do let us know.



When the performers are ready there will be an announcement on our speakers to let you know that you can go into the theatre if you want to.

When you get to the theatre one of our team will check your ticket and scan it. This will make a small bleeping sound.

Another person from our team will then be inside the theatre to help you find your seat.

Once everybody has found their seat and are ready, the show will begin!

During the show

Our show lasts roughly 50 minutes from beginning to end.

In the show, the performers often make silly jokes, and some audience members may laugh. You can laugh too if you want to.

Some people might clap to show that they are enjoying themselves. You can clap too if you want to. If the clapping is too loud, you can cover your ears, or leave the theatre for a moment.



There will be sometimes when music or sound effects are played. One important sound to remember is an alarm sound that lets us know when the giant is nearby!

One part of the show where we need your help is finding the magic beans. The performers will walk around the theatre looking for the beans at this point. If you see them, you can point and let us know.

We also need your help spotting when the beanstalk is growing. If you see it, you can shout 'Beanstalk!' or copy our hand action.

Our performers

Our story today has four characters, played by just three performers. Sometimes during the show they might also come into the audience or ask for your help from the stage.

Jackie Le

Jackie is playing the character of 'Jackie'.

When Jackie is pretending to be Jackie she looks like this.

Jackie has never been outside before but is very brave.



Sam Newton

Sam is playing the character of 'Gerald the giant'.

When Sam is pretending to be the giant, he looks like this.

Sam isn't like your usual giant. He isn't big, he isn't scary and in fact he is quite scared of everything else!





Charmaine Childs

Charmaine is playing two characters.

When you first meet her, she is playing the character of 'Mum'

She is Jackie's mum and does her best to make sure that Jackie stays safe.



Charmaine also plays the character of 'The cow'.

When Charmaine is the cow, she looks like this.

The cow makes lots of jokes and holds the magic beans that make the beanstalk grow.

The Set

Our theatre stage has been transformed to look like Jackie's bedroom.

In the middle you can see the beanstalk that grows during the show. It is a bright red colour with lots of silvery leaves.

Floating above the stage are our magical colour changing clouds.



As part of our show, there are two short puppet shows.

On the left of the stage is a curtain which is used to project a shadow puppet film about the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.

On the right of the stage is a small pretend television puppet theatre. This is used with real puppets telling a news story about the giant.

The puppets look like this.



The Story

Our show follows the story of Jackie and her mum, and the time that they met a very scared giant called Gerald.



Gerald fell from the clouds a long time ago and is just trying to get home, but everybody is too scared to help him.

When Jackie and her mum meet Gerald they are scared at first, but soon understand Gerald isn't that scary at all and try to help him get home.

Jackie and Gerald go outside to try to find a magic bean to use to grow a great big beanstalk into the sky.

They meet a talking cow who gives them a bean and when they plant it the beanstalk grows high into the sky.

But Gerald the giant is scared of climbing and can't get home! Jackie and her mum teach Gerald how to climb so that he can get home safely.



Guide to sound, lights and scary bits



Sometimes our performers will climb very high and perform circus in the air. They have done lots of practice and even if it looks like they are falling don't worry they are being very careful.

At some points in the show the lights will go dark on the stage to show that time is passing. This happens 4 times and lasts around 10 seconds. The lights where you are sat will stay on.

Throughout the performance, Mum often looks quite scared. She is often worried about Jackie hurting herself, and also worried about the giant because of the stories she has heard in the news.

At some points in the show, you will hear a bleeping sound to let you know that the giant is nearby. This noise sounds a bit like a car reversing with the words 'Giant approaching'.

There is a drawing of the giant in a newspaper which can look a little scary to some people. This isn't what our giant really looks like!

The drawing looks like this:



When the giant is approaching Jackie house you will also hear some loud footsteps and see a big shadow on the wall. This might feel a bit scary, but as we know our giant isn't scary at all!

Emotions and feelings

During the show you might feel different emotions based on what is happening in the story. If you do this is completely normal.



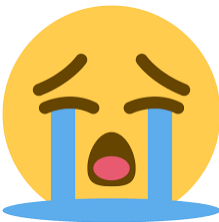
There might be some moments in the show when you feel really happy.

You can cheer or clap if you like, or show us your biggest smile.



There might be some moments that you find funny.

Some audience members may laugh. You can laugh along too if you want to.



Some parts of the show might make you feel sad.

You are welcome to cry if you want to and if you need to leave for a short while that is okay.



Some parts of the show might make you feel scared or worried. This is completely normal, and if you need to leave for a short while that is okay.

The end of the show

You will know that it's the end of the show when Gerald climbs to the top of the beanstalk and waves goodbye.

All of our performers will then come back on stage and say thank you to you for coming. This is a really good time to clap and cheer if you would like to!

After this, everybody will all start to leave the theatre and back into the foyer space ready to go home if they