

# Beyond the Book...



**Title: The House that Jack Built**

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**Summary: This is a story about the house that a boy named Jack built. Jack has many people and things that fill up his house. Jack's house starts out empty and ends up as a full house.**



## ***Before Reading...***

- Talk about houses and homes where people live. Draw a simple house with a door and windows. Talk about who might live in that house.
- Do a picture walk with the book – go through the book talking about the pictures on each page.
- Ask questions such as: What do you think will happen to the house that Jack built? What looks different about Jack's house on each page?

## ***During Reading...***

- Since this is a repeating story, let your child join in on the repeating parts.
- After reading the verse on each page, find the different elements of the story in the large picture. For example, "Where is the cat? Who is eating the bag of Malt?" Stop to explain briefly the more unusual words (like 'malt, worried, crumpled, tattered and torn, shaven and shorn, cock,' etc.).

## ***After Reading...***

- Make stick puppets to represent each of the characters in the story. You will need 12 popsicle sticks and paper/paper plates. Draw each of the characters, color, and attach to a stick. (Jack, the house, rat, cat, dog, cow, maiden, cook, farmer, etc.) You may use each of the stick puppets to help retell the story (the characters can be numbered on the back to help recall the order in which they appear in the story)

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