Fractured Fairy Tale Mad Libs

Mad Libs are made by filling in blanks in written text with specific kinds of words. Follow the instructions to complete the paragraph below and begin creating your own fractured fairy tale. Have fun! Mad Libs are meant to be funny.

Follow these steps.

• Choose a name to replace Jack. ___________________

• Choose an animal to replace the cow. ________________

• Name an item to replace the magic beans. ________________

• Name another item to replace the beanstalk. ________________

• Choose an action to replace “climb.” ________________

• Write your words from the blanks above into their places in the paragraph below.

Once upon a time, a poor widow and her only child ________________ scratched out a living on a farm near a small village. They grew poorer and poorer until finally they had nothing left but an old ________________. The animal was of no use, so the widow sadly sent ________________ off to market to sell it. Along the way, ________________ met a stranger who offered to buy the ________________ for five magic ________________. ________________, who had little sense, agreed.

Back home, however, the widow was furious. She tossed the ________________ aside and sent ________________ to bed without supper. In the morning, ________________ awoke to a surprise. Where the magic ________________ had been, there was now a ________________. ________________ was delighted, and immediately set out to ________________ the ________________.

Write the rest of the story on the back of this sheet, based on the changes you made in the beginning. Try to keep the basic plot similar to the familiar Jack and the Beanstalk story, but build on your new beginning to create your own “fractured” version.