

Farmer Jack.

A fun harvest story for younger children. As the story is told a picture is created as each element is mentioned. A picture where the children can attach the different parts is preferable. The picture starts with a board that is brown at the bottom and blue at the top. You will need: seeds, sun, clouds, raindrops, green shoots, stalks of grain. The teller will need to act this story out with dancing, singing etc.

It was early spring, and Farmer Jack looked at his field.
"oo ar!" he said. "its time I did something with my field."
So farmer Jack got out his tractor and hitched up his plough. He set to work ploughing the field. When he had finished it looked nice and brown.

Farmer Jack looked at his field.
"oo ar!" he said. "I better plant some seeds."
So farmer Jack began to plant his seeds.

(Stick seeds on picture)

When he had finished Farmer Jack thought for a while. Then he said:
"oo ar! Now I need the seed to grow. Now what can I do to make the seed grow?"

Farmer Jack went home and thought.
The next day, he went to his field and played music to the seed all day long,

(play Music)

But nothing happened! There was not a single green shoot to be seen.
Farmer Jack was very disappointed. So the next day he went to his field and read all his favorite stories to the seed.

(read from book)

But again nothing happened! There wasn't a single green shoot to be seen.
Farmer Jack was very disappointed.

On the third day farmer Jack went to his field and sung all his favourite songs to his seed.

(Sing)

But again nothing happened. There was not a green shoot to be seen anywhere.
Farmer Jack was even more disappointed.

Farmer Jack thought long and hard that night about what he could do to make his seed grow. The next day he went to the field and he danced for the seed all day long.

(Dance

By the end of the day he was exhausted but still nothing had happened! There was still not even the tiniest little green shoot to be seen anywhere in the field. Farmer Jack was not just disappointed, he was starting to get angry as well.

By the fifth day Farmer Jack was really fed up!
“oo ar!” he said. “this seed is no good . No matter what I do it won't grow!” So Farmer Jack got into a very bad mood and went home to sulk.

The next day, while farmer Jack was at home, all was quiet in the field. The sun came up and the warmth fell on the seed that was lying in the ground.

(Stick Sun on picture)

The next day some clouds came across the sky.

(Stick clouds on picture)

it began to rain. The water soaked into the ground and made the seed all wet.

(Stick raindrops on picture)

After a while, as the sun shone on some days and the rain fell on others, tiny little green shoots began to appear above the ground.

(Stick green shoots on picture)

Then the green shoots grew and grew until they were long stalks of grain

(Stick stalks on picture)

Meanwhile farmer Jack was still sulking at home. He said to himself:
"I'm going to dig up that field where the seed would not grow even though I played music, read stories, sang, and danced for it." So off he went. But when he got to his field he couldn't believe what he could see. Instead of the brown bare field he expected there was a field full of ripe stalks of Golden corn.
“oo ar!” he said. “Well I'll be jiggered! Whose been doing all this then?”

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