

## Activity 1

# A Rooster and a Bean Seed

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Once upon a time, there were a hen and a rooster. The rooster was always in a hurry. The hen was always telling him, “Friend, don’t be in such a hurry. Slow down!”

One day the rooster was pecking bean seeds. Because he was pecking so fast, one bean seed went down the wrong way and blocked his throat. The rooster could not breathe or speak, and he fell down on the ground as if he were dead.

The hen was frightened. She rushed to the farmer’s wife and said, “Please, give me some butter to grease rooster’s throat because he is choking on a bean seed! If you help me, I will bring you an egg.” The farmer’s wife replied, “I don’t need your egg. You’d better go and ask for some milk from the cow. Then I will make some butter for you.”

So, the hen hurried to the cow and begged, “Please, give me some milk quickly! Then the farmer’s wife will make some butter, and I will grease rooster’s throat. He is choking on a bean seed. If you help me, I will give you an egg in exchange.” The cow shook her head and said, “I don’t need eggs. Go to the farmer and let him bring me some fresh grass.”

The hen ran to the farmer and said, “Dear sir, please give me some fresh grass for the cow! Then the cow will give some milk to your wife, and she will make some butter, and I will grease rooster’s throat because he is choking on a bean seed. I will bring you an egg as a reward.”

The farmer pointed his finger to the blacksmith’s house. “I don’t need an egg. Go to the blacksmith and bring me a scythe.” So, the hen rushed to the blacksmith and said, “Please, give me a scythe for the farmer! The farmer will bring some fresh grass for the cow. The cow will give milk to the farmer’s wife, and she will make some butter for me. I will grease the rooster’s throat because he is choking on a bean seed. I will bring you an egg in return.”

The blacksmith agreed. He gave a scythe for the farmer and received an egg in return. The farmer brought fresh grass to the cow. The cow gave milk for the farmer’s wife. The farmer’s wife used the milk to make butter. Finally, the hen got the butter and greased the rooster’s throat. The rooster swallowed the bean seed and joyfully shouted, “Cock-a-doodle-doo!”