Lesson 49: All, Awl, and Alk

Phonics Rule: “A” in the middle of a syllable is usually short ă, but the l changes it to a broader sound similar to the short ŏ.

All:

all	ball	fall	hall
small	wall	call	mall
tall	pall	gall	squall
bas/ket/ball	tall/er	small/est	stall

Awl:

awl	bawl	drawl	shawl
brawl	crawl	sprawl	trawl
scrawl			

Alk:

walk	talk	chalk	stalk
sidewalk	walkie-talkie	pep/talk	calk

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A Small Act of Random Kind/ness

One day, all the tall kids were out/side playing bas/ket/ball. The weather was cool since it was fall. The small kids sat sprawled on the wall. They began to call to the taller kids. “Can we play basketball, too?”

“Y’all are too small,” the tall boys said with a drawl. “Y’all are not tall enough to hit the basketball goal. Why don’t all y’all small kids go to the mall and play with the balls in the ball pit? Maybe you can get some chalk and scrawl on the side/walk.”

All the small kids begin to squall and bawl. Then one of the tall boys came over and gave them a pep/talk. “Aww… don’t cry. Do y’all really want to play ball with us?” He asked kindly.

“Yes!!!” the small boys answered in u/nis/on.

“O.K.,” said the kind boy gently. “Y’all come over here and we’ll help you out.”

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The small boys raced over to the basketball court, and the tall boys lifted them up and put them on their shoulders so that they could make the baskets. It was so much fun!!! They all played together until it was time to go home. When the moms of the tall boys and the small boys called them all home for dinner, the tall boys stalled. “We’re not ready to go home yet!” But they wanted to obey their mothers, so the tall boys lowered the small boys to the ground and walked them home. The tall boys gave the small boys high fives and said with a drawl, “Y’all come back and play basketball with us any/time you want, ya hear?!”



The young boys never forgot the small act of random kind/ness that the tall boys did for them that day. In their eyes, the tall boys became their heroes. Those small boys grew up and became tall, and wherever they went, they always re/mem/bered to play with the little kids, because they knew how much it meant to them. Will you do the same?

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JESUS said:

“Beware that you don’t look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father.”

-Matthew 18:10, New Living Translation

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. Which season is this story set in (winter, spring, summer, or fall)?
2. Who were the heroes in this story?
3. Why were they heroes?

PROJECT: Do you have a little brother or sister? What small act of random kindness could you do today to make him or her feel special?

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