

## Lesson 54: Contractions

**Grammar Rule: Contractions are made up of two words that are shortened to make one word. One or more letters are left out and an apostrophe is substituted for the letter or letters dropped. Contractions are a more informal form of English and are used in informal speech. When one writes a formal paper, use the two original words instead of the contraction.**

Directions: Have the student say the two words and then the contraction so they are familiar with the meaning of the contraction.

|          |         |            |          |
|----------|---------|------------|----------|
| I am     | I'm     | I will     | I'll     |
| you are  | you're  | you will   | you'll   |
| we are   | we're   | she will   | she'll   |
| they are | they're | he will    | he'll    |
| who are  | who're  | it will    | it'll    |
| let us   | let's   | we will    | we'll    |
| he is    | he's    | they will  | they'll  |
| she is   | she's   | that will  | that'll  |
| it is    | it's    | these will | these'll |
| what is  | what's  | those will | those'll |
| that is  | that's  | there will | there'll |

|            |           |             |           |
|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| who is     | who's     | this will   | this'll   |
| there is   | there's   | what will   | what'll   |
| here is    | here's    | who will    | who'll    |
| one is     | one's     |             |           |
| cannot     | can't     | I have      | I've      |
| do not     | don't     | you have    | you've    |
| is not     | isn't     | we have     | we've     |
| will not   | won't     | they have   | they've   |
| should not | shouldn't | could have  | could've  |
| could not  | couldn't  | would have  | would've  |
| would not  | wouldn't  | should have | should've |
| are not    | aren't    | might have  | might've  |
| does not   | doesn't   | who have    | who've    |
| was not    | wasn't    | there have  | there've  |
| were not   | weren't   | need not    | needn't   |
| has not    | hasn't    |             |           |
| have not   | haven't   |             |           |
| had not    | hadn't    |             |           |
| did not    | didn't    |             |           |
| might not  | mightn't  |             |           |

## PRACTICE:

**You're** a very polite person.

You **should've** been there – we all were amazed!

You **needn't** worry; JESUS is always with me!

I **could've** made a smart remark, but I decided to be wise and kind and hold my tongue.

## More Contractions

These contractions could be confusing because the same spelling could be both past and future tense. For example:

I would; I'd like to go with you tomorrow.

I had; I'd been discouraged over the low number of students who attended yesterday.

|             |         |           |         |
|-------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| I would     | I'd     | I had     | I'd     |
| you would   | you'd   | you had   | you'd   |
| he would    | he'd    | he had    | he'd    |
| she would   | she'd   | she had   | she'd   |
| we would    | we'd    | we had    | we'd    |
| they would  | they'd  | they had  | they'd  |
| it would    | it'd    | it had    | it'd    |
| there would | there'd | there had | there'd |
| what would  | what'd  | what had  | what'd  |
| who would   | who'd   | who had   | who'd   |
| that would  | that'd  | that had  | that'd  |

## That'd Be a Miracle!

*(Adapted from John 6:1-21)*

One day, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because **they'd** seen his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.

Philip replied, "You mean **we're** going to feed all these people?? Even if we worked for months, we **wouldn't** have enough money to feed them!"

Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. "**There's** a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. **He's** a really generous soul. But **what'd** that do with this huge crowd? I **can't** imagine that **we'd** be able to feed very



many people with only five barley loaves and two fish. **There'd** be a lot of happy people out there if you could pull that one off, Jesus. **That'd** be a real miracle."

Jesus chuckled. "**Let's** see what we can do about that. Tell everyone to sit down," he said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people **who'd** eaten from the five barley loaves.

When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, **he's** the Prophet **we've** been expecting!" When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.

That evening Jesus' disciples went down to the shore to wait for him. But as darkness fell and Jesus still **hadn't** come back, they got into the boat and headed across the lake toward Capernaum. Soon a gale swept down upon them, and the sea grew very rough. **They'd**



rowed three or four miles when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, but he called out to them, “**Don’t** be afraid. **I’m** here!” Then they were eager to let him in the boat, and immediately they arrived at their destination!

### COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. How many barley loaves and fish did JESUS start out with?
2. How many people were present that day? Did they all get fed?
3. What did JESUS have the disciples do after everyone finished eating? Why?

PROJECT: JESUS CAN DO ANYTHING!!!! What miracle do you need JESUS to do in your life today? Take a minute to pray and ask JESUS to do this miracle for you.