

Lesson 44: The Letter G

Phonics Focus: The letter g has two sounds, hard and soft. When it is hard it has the sound of “go.” When it is soft it sounds like “J” as in “gym”.

“G” is hard when it has nothing after it:

bag	big	beg	bog
bug	leg	dog	rag
jig	thug		

“G” is hard before any letter except E, I, Y, as in:

GOD	goal	gun	glass
Grass	gate	eagle	guilt
lagoon	zigzag	fragment	glide
bugle	goat	triangle	wagon
guess	guide	gum	gush
gal	got	gull	grant

glow	gain	gig/gle	glare
globe	goat	Ga/bri/el	preg/nant
grand/fath/er	game	Gal/il/ee	greetings
glor/i/ous	king/dom	grate/ful	

G is normally soft before e, i, and y, and has the sound of J.

age	gem	germ	cage
urge	giant	magic	dan/ger
gist	gin/ger	gym	gym/nast
gyp/sy	gib/ber/ish	page	plunge
hinge	vil/lage	bag/gage	ran/ger
gen/er/al	ge/nius	an/gel	virgin
en/gaged	gen/er/al	gen/tle	dil/i/gent
re/gion			

“DGE” is a consonant team for the sound of j.

The vowel before the “dge” is always short.

The “e” after “g” is needed to make the “g” say “j”, and the d is needed so the silent e cannot make the vowel long. The “d” is a silent letter, so it is not pronounced.

fudge	judge	budge	badge
edge	ledge	lodge	trudge
nudge	midge	ledge	hedge
bridge	pledge	wedge	dodge

There are some exceptions, where “g” is followed by “i” or “e”, but uses the hard sound:

give	gift	giggle	gill
gig	gilted	ginko	girl
gizzard	get	geese	anger

PRACTICE:



The **judges** enjoy eating **wedges** of **fudge** with their friends, the police

officers, who wear shiny **badges**. One **judge** is going to **lodge** in a hotel at the **edge** of the **village**. He had to **go** across a **bridge**, jump over a **hedge**, and **trudge** up a hill in order to **get** to his **lodgings**.

The Pledge Of Al/le/giance

I **pledge al/le/giance** to the flag
Of the United States of America;
And to the Re/pub/lic, for which it stands;
One na/tion, under GOD, in/di/vis/i/ble
With lib/er/ty and jus/tice for all.



The Angelic Visitation

(Adapted from Luke 1:26-38)

One day, **GOD** sent a **glow/ing** **angel** named **Ga/bri/el** to Naz/ar/eth, a vil/lage in the **re/gion** of **Gal/il/ee**, to a **vir/gin** named Mary. She was **pledged** (that is, **en/gaged**) to be mar/ried to a man named Jo/seph, one of the **great-great-grand/sons** of **King** David.

Gabriel ap/peared to Mary and said, “**Greet/ings**, fa/vored woman! The LORD is with you!”

Con/fused and dis/turbed, Mary tried to think what the **angel** could mean. “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the **angel** told her. “For you have found favor with **God**! **Guess** what! You are **going** to have a **glor/i/ous** baby boy, and you will name him JESUS. There’s so much to tell you, but the **gen/er/al** gist of it is: He will be very **great** and will be called the SON of the **GREAT GOD**. The LORD **GOD** will give him the throne of his **Great-great-**



grand/father David. He will be KING over Is/ra/el for/ever; his King/dom will never end!”

Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a vir/gin.”

The angel replied, “The HOLY SPIRIT will come upon you, and the power of the GREAT GOD will over/shad/ow you. So the Little Guy to be born will be holy, and he will be called the SON of GOD. What’s more, your rel/a/tive El/iz/a/beth has become preg/nant in her old age! People used to say she was bar/ren, but she is going to have a baby boy, too! For the WORD of GOD will never fail.”

Mary grate/ful/ly gushed, “I am the LORD’s servant. May ev/er/y/thing you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the angel that visited Mary?
2. What was Mary’s response when the angel told her that she was going to have baby JESUS?
3. Who is JESUS’ Father?

PROJECT:

When the angel gave Mary the message about JESUS' birth and told her what the will of GOD for her life was, Mary replied, "I am the LORD's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." GOD had very good plans for Mary, and she was willing to work with GOD to make those plans come true. GOD has good plans for you, too! He says in Jeremiah 29:11, "¹¹For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ¹²In those days when you pray, I will listen. ¹³If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. ¹⁴I will be found by you," says the Lord.

How do we figure out what GOD's plans for us are? Sometimes our parents will have some ideas. Sometimes we have dreams about GOD's plans for us. Other times we have strong desires that GOD puts deep in our hearts. Sometimes we have natural gifts and talents that bring us joy. Take a moment to pray and ask GOD what He would like you to accomplish with your life, then talk to your Dad and Mom about it. No matter what you decide that you want to do in life, there is something that JESUS wants you to do RIGHT NOW and for your whole life: Follow JESUS and be His disciple. JESUS wants you to learn to be just like Him, loving and serving GOD and others. JESUS wants you to work with Him and become one of His best friends!

Revelation 14:1-5 (New Living Translation) says, "Then I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of mighty ocean waves or the rolling of loud thunder. It was like the sound of many harpists playing together.

This great choir sang a wonderful new song in front of the throne of God and before the four living beings and the twenty-four elders. No one could learn this song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. They have kept themselves as pure as virgins, following the Lamb wherever he goes. They have

been purchased from among the people on the earth as a special offering to God and to the Lamb. They have told no lies; they are without blame.”

What are the characteristics of one of JESUS’ Best Friends?

1. They are victorious overcomers, with JESUS’ Name and the FATHER’s Name written on their foreheads (see Revelation 3:12);
2. They are worshipers, singing to GOD;
3. They keep themselves morally pure;
4. They follow the LAMB wherever He goes;
5. They are consecrated to the LORD – a special offering to GOD and to the LAMB;
6. They are honest – telling no lies;
7. They have outstanding character – “without blame”.



JESUS has some amazing rewards for those who choose to faithfully follow Him, overcome all obstacles, and become one of His best friends. Revelation chapters 2 and 3 talk about these rewards. They include:

1. Fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of GOD (Revelation 2:7)
2. The Crown of Life (2:10)
3. You will not be harmed by the second death (2:11)
4. Manna that has been hidden away in Heaven (2:17)
5. A white voting stone, engraved with a new name that only you understand (2:17)
6. He will give you authority over all the nations. You will rule the nations with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots. You will have the same authority JESUS received from His FATHER (2:26-28)
7. The Morning Star (2:28)... JESUS is the Morning Star (22:16)
8. You will be clothed in white (3:5)
9. JESUS will never erase your name from the Book of Life (3:5)



10. JESUS will announce before His FATHER and His angels that you are His (3:5)
11. JESUS will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world to test those who belong to this world (3:10)
12. You will become a pillar in the Temple of GOD and you will never have to leave it! (3:12)
13. JESUS will write on you the Name of His GOD (3:12)
14. You will be a citizen in the city of JESUS' GOD – the New Jerusalem that comes down from Heaven from GOD (3:12)
15. JESUS will write His New Name on you (3:12)
16. JESUS will come and knock on your door, and you will share a meal as friends (3:20)
17. You will sit with JESUS on His Throne, just as JESUS was victorious and sat with His FATHER on His Throne (3:21)

So, this is GOD's Plan for you: that you will always follow JESUS faithfully, until you see Him face-to-face on the Day of His Return. No matter what happens, GOD wants you to keep following, obeying, and claiming JESUS as your LORD! Then He wants to reward you!!!! That is GOD's will for your life; the High Calling of GOD in CHRIST JESUS for your life. Don't ever stop serving JESUS. If anyone tells you that you are stupid for following JESUS, or that they will kill you if you keep following the LORD JESUS, be ready to be teased or to die. JESUS will be right there with you, and He will give you a grand entrance into Heaven complete with all of these amazing rewards!

So, do you like GOD's plan for your life? Do you want to be one of JESUS' best friends? If so, be like Mary and say, "I am the LORD's servant. May everything you have said about me come true."