

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	giggle	glare	globe	goat
Gabriel	pregnant	grandfather	game	
Galilee	greetings	glorious	kingdom	
grateful				

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

age	gem	germ	cage	urge
giant	magic	region	gist	ginger
gym	gym/nast	gyp/sy	gib/ber/ish	
page	plunge	hinge	vil/lage	
bag/gage	ranger	general	genius	
angel	virgin	engaged	general	
gentle	diligent	region	danger	

“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 Angelic Visitation



One day, **GOD** sent a **glowing angel** named **Gabriel** to Nazareth, a **village** in the **region** of **Galilee**, to a **virgin** named Mary. She was **pledged** (that is, **engaged**) to be married to a man named Joseph, one of the **great-great- grandsons** of **King David**. **Gabriel** appeared to Mary and said,

“Greetings, favored woman! The LORD is with you!”

Confused and disturbed, 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 **glorious** baby boy, and you will name him JESUS. There’s so much to tell you, but the **general 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-grandfather** David. He will be **KING** over Israel forever; his **Kingdom** will never end!”

Mary asked the **angel**, “But how can this happen? I am a **virgin**.”

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

Mary **gratefully gushed**, “I am the **LORD**’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the **angel** left her.

Note: This story is a Funny Phonics revision of Luke 1:26-38, New Living Translation. Creative license has been implemented in order to help students practice their “g” words!