

Literacy

Reading Level 13



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Level 13: Story 1

God gives us everything we need

God is Creator - Genesis 1, Philippians 4:19

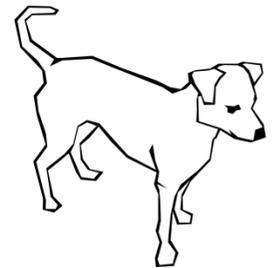
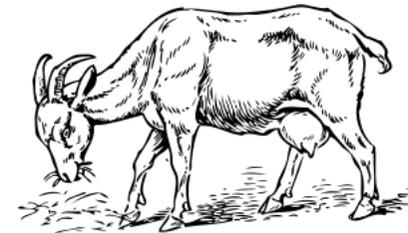
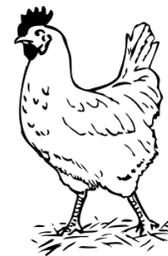
Do you know how much God loves us? He loves us more than anyone. He wants to give us good things.

He made air and water so that we could live. Only the earth has air to breathe and water to drink.

He made the sun to keep us warm and to give us light. He made plants for our food. Did you know that plants need light to stay alive? If we had no light, we would have no food and we could not live.

God put the sun in the sky, just in the right place. It is not too close to us. It is not too far away. It is just right. It is not too hot for us. It is not too cold for us.

God made animals too. He made them so that we would be happy. He made animals to help us. God thought of everything! Which animal do you like best? Can you think of some animals that help us?



Level 13: Story 1 Activities

God gives us everything we need

Write the missing words:

God loves us more than _____ in the world.

He gave us _____ to breathe and water to _____.

God gave us the _____ to keep us warm and to give us _____. He gave us plants for _____.

Missing words: water, air, anything, food, light

Write and draw:

1. Draw the animals you like best.
2. Draw the animals that can help us.
3. Draw some plants in the sun.

Write t (true) or f (false).

1. The sun is too hot for our earth.
2. We can live without plants.
3. Only the earth has air to breathe.
4. Plants need light to stay alive.

Write the words that rhyme:

much such me munch
keep sheep kept beep deep
sky skin try ski by cry dry fry
stay pray tray sty day lay play
good hood stood glad

Level 13: Story 2

Jesus heals a blind man

God is Love - Luke 18:35-43

Jesus loves everyone. He loves people who are sick. He loves people who are well. He loves people who are good. He loves people who are bad.

Jesus was kind to people who had troubles. There was a man who could not see. He was blind. He would sit and beg for money because he could not work to get it.

"Please give me money," he would call out to people passing by. One day Jesus passed by.

"Help me," called the man. Jesus did help the man.

"What do you want?" asked Jesus.

"I want to see," said the man.

Jesus touched the man with His power. At once the man could see.

"I can see! I can see!" said the man.

The man said thank you to Jesus. He knew that Jesus loved Him very much. The man loved Jesus very much too.

Jesus loves you too, and He cares when you have troubles. He cares about big troubles. He cares about little troubles. Jesus can help you. All you have to do is ask!



Jesus heals a blind man

Write the missing words:

Jesus loves people who are _____ and people who are _____. Jesus loves people who are _____ and people who are _____. The blind man would sit and _____ for _____.

The blind man asked Jesus to _____ him. Jesus touched the man and at once he could _____.

Missing words: bad, well, see, good, beg, sick, money, help

Write the answers:

1. What did the blind man call out to the people passing by?
2. What did the man say to Jesus when he could see?

Write t (true) or f (false):

1. Jesus loves bad people.
2. The blind man had a lot of money.
3. Jesus only cares about big troubles.
4. Jesus will help us when we ask Him.

Write the words that rhyme:

blind sick kind troubles find loves knew
thank ask touched bank money sank
tank
well sell wall bell will fell hell tell yell

Level 13: Story 3

The wise man and the foolish man

God is Wise - Matthew 7:24-27

Once there was a wise man. He wanted to build a house.

"Where shall I build my house?" said the wise man. "I know. I will build it in a strong place. A rock is very strong. I will build my house on a rock."

The wise man worked hard. He built his house on a rock.



When a big storm came, he was safe inside his house. His house was very strong because he had built it on a rock.

Once there was a foolish man. He wanted to build a house too.

"Where shall I build my house?" said the foolish man. "I know. I will build it in a place where I can have fun. I can have fun on the sand. I will build my house on the sand."

The foolish man worked very hard. He built his house on the sand. When a big storm came, he was not safe at all. His house fell down. His house went out to sea. The foolish man had no house.

Jesus said, "You should be like the wise man. Build your life on a rock. I am that rock."

Level 13: Story 3 Activities

The wise man and the foolish man

Write the missing words:

The wise man built his house on a _____.

When a big storm came he was _____.

The foolish man built his house on the _____.

His house fell _____ and went out to _____.

Missing words: down, safe, sand, sea, down

Write and draw:

1. A house by the sea
2. A hand print in the sand
3. The house on the rock
4. A big storm

Write t (true) or f (false):

1. The wise man built his house in a strong place.
2. The foolish man built his house on the sand.
3. The foolish man was safe.
4. Jesus is the rock.
5. The storm made the wise man's house crash.
6. We should be like the wise man.
7. The wise man had fun in the sand.
8. The foolish man's house went out to sea.

Write the words that rhyme:

rock chick sock pack box lock tick block
sand sang band land send hand ran
house home mouse south
strong string long sing song ding dong

Level 13: Story 4

Jesus and the storm

God is Protector - Luke 8:22-25

Jesus had twelve special friends. Some of them were in a boat with Jesus.

Then a big storm came. There was lots of rain. There was lots of wind.

The boat went up and down.
"Help us! Help us!" said the friends.

"Do not worry," said Jesus. "I will help you. I will look after you."

Jesus stood up in the boat.
"Peace," he said.

The rain stopped. The wind stopped. The boat did not go up and down. They were safe.

"How can Jesus stop a storm?" said the friends. "He must be very special."

Did you know that Jesus is God's Son? He can look after you.



Level 13: Story 4 Activities

Jesus and the storm

Write the missing words:

The friends were in a _____ with Jesus.

The boat went _____ and _____.

Jesus said, "I will _____ you."

Jesus stopped the _____ and the _____.

Missing words: help, boat, rain, up, wind, down

Write and draw:

1. A boat in a storm.
2. Four friends in a boat with Jesus.
3. Jesus stops the storm.

Write t (true) or f (false):

1. Jesus had ten special friends.
2. The friends did not worry when the storm came.
3. Jesus said, "I will help you."
4. Jesus said "peace" to the storm.
5. Jesus stopped the wind and the rain.
6. Jesus is the Son of God.
7. Jesus can look after you.

Write the words that rhyme:

boat boot coat goat bake
down done clown Dan town gown
must dust miss gust trust mice
look like book cook lick hook took
rain pain room brain drain
stopped hopped stepped shopped popped

Level 13: Story 5

Jesus is our king

God is Lord and King - John 12:12-19

The friends of Jesus were at a house. They wanted to find a donkey. They wanted to find a donkey for Jesus. Jesus wanted to ride the donkey.

"Come and see Jesus," said the people. "He is riding a donkey. He is going into the town."

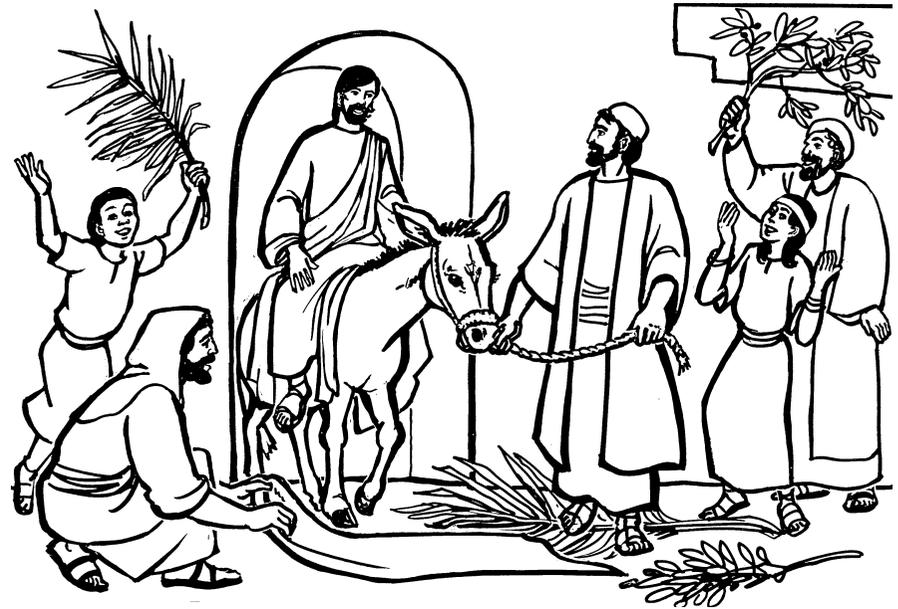
The people waved branches. They shouted, "Hosanna! Jesus is king!"

Some people put their coats on the road, just like a carpet for a king to walk on.

The people wanted Jesus to be the king of their land.

They did not know that Jesus would die and come alive again. They did not know that Jesus would be the King of the whole world.

Is Jesus your King?



Jesus is our King

Write the missing words:

The friends of Jesus want to _____ a donkey for Jesus to ride. Jesus rides the donkey _____ the town.

People _____ branches and shout "Hosanna!"

The people _____ Jesus to be their _____.

Missing words: into, wave, want, king, find

Write the words that rhyme:

find finger kind thing mind

king sing ring kind bring ring

shout shot about out shut

wave save brave with gave

Draw three pictures:

- The friends of Jesus are at a house. They want to find a donkey for Jesus.
- Jesus is riding the donkey into town.
- The people wave branches and put coats of the road.

Write t (true) or f (false):

1. The friends of Jesus did not find a donkey.
2. The donkey did not like to have Jesus riding on his back.
3. The people wanted Jesus to be their king.
4. The people did not know that Jesus would be king of the whole world.
5. Jesus wants to be your king.

Level 13: Story 6

The animals went in two by two

God is Truth - Genesis 6:9

God looked at the world that He had made.
People did bad things. It made Him sad.
"I will send lots of rain," He said.

God looked for a good man. There was Noah.
God said to Noah, "Make a big, big boat. I am
going to send lots of rain."
"How big?" asked Noah.
God said, "Make it very big. It will be for your
family, and two of every kind of animal."

Noah made the boat. It took him a long time.
People laughed. "Why are you making a boat?"
they laughed. "There will be no flood!"

Noah finished the boat. His family got in.

Then God sent two of every kind of animal...
two dinosaurs...

two kangaroos...

two tigers...

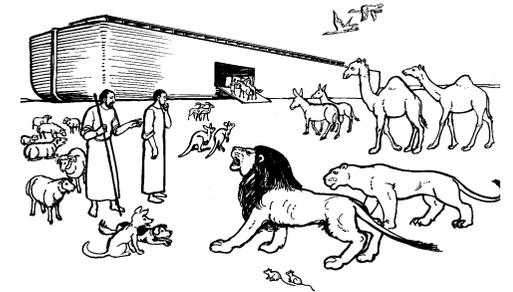
two giraffes...

two elephants...

two zebras, two cows, two dogs, two cats...

And lots and lots more. God shut the door of
the big boat. It began to rain. It rained for forty
days and forty nights.
There was a big flood. The bad people were
drowned, but Noah and his family and the
animals were safe.

They stayed in the boat for one year. Then they
all got out on to dry land.
God said, "I will never send such a big flood
again. This is my promise. I will send a rainbow."



The animals went in two by two

Write the missing words:

God looked at the _____ that He had made. He was sad because people did _____ things.

God said, "I will _____ lots of _____."

God told Noah to make a _____ boat so that he and his _____ would be safe.

God sent _____ of every kind of animal. The animals were safe _____.

Missing words: send, big, world, family, bad, two, too, rain

Write the answers:

1. Was the boat bog or small?
2. Why did the people laugh?

Write t (true) or f (false)

1. Noah was a good man.
2. It did not take long to make the boat.
3. There were dinosaurs on the boat.
4. Noah went to find the animals.
5. God shut the door of the big boat.
6. The bad people were drowned in the flood.
7. Noah and his family were safe.
8. They stayed in the boat for two years.

Write the words that rhyme:

good moon hood stood goose
door drain floor poor deer

The man who could not walk

God is Pure - Matthew 9:1-7

Once there was a man who could not walk. He sat on his mat every day.

The man's friends took him to Jesus. The man wanted to be healed.

Jesus said to the man, "Your sins are forgiven."

At once the man got up. He could walk!

"That's funny," some people said. "Why did Jesus say, 'Your sins are forgiven?'"

But the man knew why. He needed Jesus to forgive his sins just as much as he needed his legs to be healed. The man was very happy because his sins were forgiven, and he could walk as well!

Jesus can forgive our sins too. He can make us clean on the inside. Then we feel happy!



The man who could not walk

Write the missing words:

The man sat on his mat _____
day. He could not _____.
The man's friends _____ him to Jesus.
Jesus said to the man, "Your _____
are forgiven. The _____ could walk!"

Missing words: took, every, sins, man, walk

Write and draw:

1. The man is on his mat.
2. The man is with his friends.
3. Jesus heals the man.

Write t (true) or f (false):

1. The man could not see.
2. The man had no friends.
3. The man slept on his bed every day.
4. Jesus said, "Your sins are forgiven."
5. Jesus has forgiven you for your sins.
6. The man was very happy.
7. Jesus can make you happy.

Write the words that rhyme:

could cuddle would called should
need seed needle deed feed
walk talk wall will

make bake cake mack lake take wake
clean bean clown lean mean

Level 13: story 8

A still small voice 1 Kings 19

There was a man called Elijah. God wanted to give him a message. God wanted him to listen.

"How can I hear God speak?" said Elijah.

Elijah listened to the wind. The wind blew the leaves on the trees. The wind shook the branches. The wind was very loud. But Elijah did not hear God speak.

"How can I hear God speak?" said Elijah.

There was a big noise. It was very loud.

It was an earthquake!

"Now I will hear God speak," said Elijah.

"The earthquake is very loud. God will speak now."

But Elijah did not hear God speak.

"How can I hear God speak?" said Elijah.

There was a fire. The fire was very bright. The fire was very hot.

"Now I will hear God speak," said Elijah. The fire is very bright and hot. God will speak now."

But Elijah did not hear God speak.

"How can I hear God speak?" said Elijah.

Everything was still. Everything was quiet.

There was no noise at all. Elijah listened. He was very still. He was very quiet. Elijah heard God speak. God gave Elijah a message for the people.



The still small voice

Write the missing words:

"How can I _____ God speak?"
Elijah asked. Elijah listened to the wind but
He did not hear God speak. Elijah heard a
big _____. It was an
earthquake. He did not hear God speak.
Elijah saw a very bright _____
but he did not hear God
_____. Then everything was
_____. Elijah heard God speak.

Missing words: fire, speak, quiet, hear, noise

Write and draw:

1. The wind in the trees
2. The earthquake
3. The fire

Write t (true) or f (false):

1. God can speak to us.
2. God did not speak to Elijah in a loud way.
3. We can hear God speak to us when we are quiet.
4. We can hear God speak when we listen to him.
5. The wind was very quiet.
6. God spoke in the earthquake.
7. The fire was hot and bright.

Write the words that rhyme:

hear dear her clear fear
speak beak spike leak

Level 13: Story 9

The Wedding

God is Servant - John 2: 1-11

There was a wedding. Jesus was at the wedding. So was Mary.

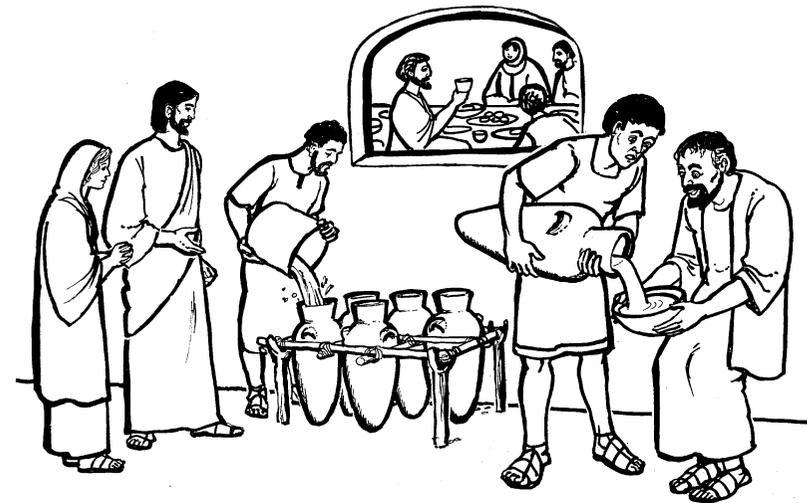
Everyone was having a good time. Then something happened. There were no more drinks left. There was only water.

"This will not do," said Mary. "The people must have some drinks. Can Jesus help? He is a good helper."
Mary asked Jesus to help.

Jesus said, "Get some water in some big pots." Then Jesus said, "Now drink the water from the pots."

The people got a big surprise. The water in the pots had been made into wine! Jesus had done this by His great power.

"Something amazing has happened!" they all said. "Thank you, Jesus!"



The Wedding

Write the missing words:

Jesus was at a wedding.

_____ happened. There were no more drinks _____. There was only _____. Mary asked Jesus to _____. Jesus asked for some big _____. He made the water from the pots _____ wine.

Missing words: water, help, pots, into, Something, left

Write and draw:

1. Mary asks Jesus to help.
2. Here are some big water pots.
3. People are drinking wine from the pots.

Write t (true) or f (false):

1. Everyone was having a good time.
2. Jesus did not like to help people.
3. The drinks ran out.
4. Mary told Jesus to go and buy some more drinks.
5. Jesus made wine from water by His special power.

Write the words that rhyme:

time lime Tim mime
more core sore car here tore wore
must dust gust most just rust
pots pits pets lots dots
been bin seen bone
drink sink drank link wink

Level 13: Story 10

Jesus calls His friends

God is our Saviour - Matthew 9:9-12

Jesus had lots of work to do. He wanted some friends to help him do the work. Jesus wanted the friends to follow Him. He wanted them to have a new life.

Jesus saw four men fishing. Their names were Peter, Andrew, James and John. Jesus called to the men, "Leave your fishing nets. Come, follow me."

The four men left their nets. Jesus said, "You will have a new life. From now on you will help me to show people the way to God."

Jesus called eight more men to follow Him. They saw Jesus heal people.

They saw Jesus forgive sins. They saw Jesus do many miracles. They heard Jesus tell people about God. The friends were called followers.

Jesus wants us to be followers too. He calls us to a new life. He wants us to be His special helpers too.



Jesus calls His friends

Write the missing words:

Jesus saw _____ men fishing.
"Leave your _____," said Jesus. "Come
and _____ me." The four
men _____ their nets.
Jesus said, "From now on you _____
have a _____ life."

Missing words: nets, left, will, four, new,
follow

Write and draw:

1. The four friends are in their fishing boat.
2. Jesus calls to them.
3. Jesus is telling people about God.

Write t (true) or f (false):

1. The four friends were fishing.
2. The four friends did not want to leave their nets.
3. Jesus wanted the four friends to help Him.
4. Jesus called nine more men to help Him.
5. We can be God's special helpers too.

Write the words that rhyme:

follow fell fly hollow
show grow shy row throw
new now few no stew
leave love weave live
call ball clay fall hall kill tall
saw law straw see draw
life live wife knife lift
way hay stay we bay day play pay say

Level 13: Story 11

Oil and Flour

God is Provider - 1 Kings 17

There was no rain. There was no food. There was a man called Elijah. Elijah was God's helper.

"I will look after you," God said. "Go to the town and I will tell you what to do."

Elijah went to the town. He met a lady and her boy.

"Will you give me some food and water?" asked Elijah.

"I have only a little flour. I have only a little oil. I will make some bread with the oil and flour. After that I will have none left," said the lady.

"Go and make the bread," said Elijah. "Give some to me. Give some to your boy, and then eat some yourself. God will look after us."

The lady made the bread. She gave some to Elijah. She gave some to her boy. She ate some herself.

She looked in the flour jar. It was not empty! She looked in the oil jug. It was not empty! God had made more flour and more oil. Every time she made bread, God made more flour and more oil.

God looked after them! Every day He gave them food.



Oil and flour

Write the missing words:

There was no _____. There was no _____. Elijah was God's _____. God told Elijah to _____ into the _____. Elijah asked a _____ for some food and _____. The lady only had a _____ flour and a little _____. Elijah prayed for God to provide food. The lady looked in her flour container. It was not _____!

She looked at her oil _____. It was not empty! God had made more flour and _____ oil!

Missing words: town, lady, empty, rain, helper, more, little, go, food, water, oil, jar

Write and draw:

1. Here is the oil jar and the flour jar.
2. The lady is making some bread.

Write t (true) or f (false)

1. Elijah met a lady and her girl.
2. The lady said, "I have lots of oil and flour."
3. The lady made bread for Elijah and for herself and for the boy.
4. The oil and flour ran out.
5. God will look after us even when there is very little food.

Jacob and Esau

God is Forgiving - Genesis 5

There were two brothers. One was called Jacob. The other was called Esau. Esau was the older brother.

The older brother was going to be given a special blessing from his father, Isaac. Rebekah was Isaac's wife. She wanted Jacob to have the special blessing.

"I know," said Rebekah to Jacob. "We will trick your father. We will make him think that you are Esau. Then he will give you the special blessing."

They tricked Isaac. Isaac could not see very well. Jacob dressed like Esau. Isaac thought that Jacob was Esau. He gave Jacob the special blessing.

Esau was very angry. Jacob had to run away. Jacob stayed away for many years. One day he wanted to go back home. He was afraid of Esau. "Will he still be angry?" he thought. "I will send some gifts to Esau."

Jacob met Esau. Esau was not angry. He ran to Jacob. He gave Jacob a hug. He was happy to see his brother again. The two brothers made peace.



Level 13: Story 12 Activities

Jacob and Esau

Write the missing words:

There were two brothers _____
Jacob and Esau. Esau _____ the older
brother.

Rebekah _____ Jacob to get the
special blessing. Isaac could not _____
very well. Rebekah and Jacob _____
Isaac.

Jacob dressed up _____ Esau.
Jacob got the blessing. Esau was
_____, but later on, the two
brothers _____ peace.

Missing words: tricked, made, was, see, angry,
like, called

Write and draw:

1. The two brothers.
2. Isaac is giving Esau the special blessing,

Write t (true) or f (false):

1. Jacob was the older brother.
2. Rebekah wanted Esau to have the special blessing.
3. Esau dressed up like Jacob.
4. Esau was angry.
5. Jacob was afraid and ran away.

Write the words that rhyme:

trick stick tack truck lick pick sick
home dome hem Rome hum
think pink thank sink drink link

Spelling list for Level 13

Long 'i'

five

white

write

quite

beside

outside

inside

life

prize

twice

slice

ice-cream

tired

pile

pie

cried

dried

fried

lied

tried

fly

spy

shy

sty

dying

frying

spying

Make sure that the students are using the picture chart on p. 29, which gives key words, (the words in bold), e.g. 'snake' goes with 'plate'.

Teachers can set spelling tasks for the words, such as:

1. Write the word in a sentence.
2. Write the meaning.
3. Draw a picture.
4. Write a word with a similar meaning.
5. Write a word with the opposite meaning.
6. Write a rhyming word.

Long 'o'

nose

awoke

stroke

close

chose

those

stole

whole

stove

snow

know

bowl

elbow

own

shadow

showed

pillow

grown

sown

below

follow

boat

throat

coach

load

toad

croak

toast

roast

soak

goal

Long 'u'

cube

flute

huge

fuse

cure

fumes

glue

true

blue

These sound like long 'u' but are not made with 'u'

spoon

shoot

goose

school

stool

hoof

broom

smooth

troop

rooster

chew

knew

crew

screw

newspaper

news

stew

slew

chewing

nephew

These also sound like long 'u': shoe, fruit, suit

Long 'a' sound



snake rain pray lady

Long 'e' sound



tree sea key pony

Long 'i' sound



five pie fly light

Long 'o' sound

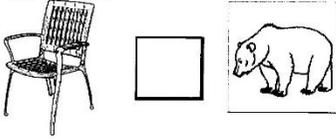
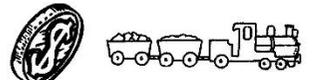
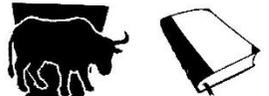


nose note boat snow

Long 'u' sound



cube spoon glue chew

<p>'air' sound</p>  <p>chair square bear</p>	<p>'ar' sound</p>  <p>car glass</p>
<p>'ear' sound</p>  <p>ear deer</p>	<p>'er' sound</p>  <p>fern bird church world</p>
<p>'oi' sound</p>  <p>coin toy</p>	<p>short 'u' and 'oo' sound</p>  <p>bull book</p>
<p>'or' sound</p>  <p>fork door ball saw walk</p>	<p>'ow' sound</p>  <p>cow house</p>