Mudge and the Fudge

Teacher Instructions

Phonics Focus: Closed-syllable words with the trigraph '-dge'

WARM-UP WORDS* ♥ they

DECODABLE PASSAGE

Bridge and Shep had a batch of hot fudge. 9
They sat it on the edge of the sill to set. 20

Mudge, the dog, is on a path by the ranch. 30
He gets a big whiff of the fudge! "Ruff! Ruff!" 40
He runs up the ridge and back to the ranch. 50
He has to get that fudge! 56

Bridge and Shep are in the den. 63
They see Mudge and let him in. 70
He runs to the fridge and nudges the latch. 79
It will not budge. 83

Then he sees the fudge on the sill. Ruff! Ruff! 93
Bridge tells him, "No, Mudge. No fudge for dogs." 102

They hug him and pat his back. 109

Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY ridge, budge, den, latch, nudge

QUESTIONS

What does it mean to get a whiff?
Where does Mudge look for the fudge first?
What does back mean in the two different sentences?
Why do you think Bridge and Shep tell Mudge, "No fudge for dogs"?

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WARM-UP WORDS* ♥ what

DECODABLE PASSAGE

Mitch and I will go up the hill to pitch and catch. 12
The hill has a big patch of sod. 20

We get the bag with the thick mitt and ball in it. 32
We go up the hill and set the bags on the bench. 44

Mitch will pitch, and I will catch. 51
Pitch. Catch. Pitch. Catch. 55
We are such a match! 60

Then, Mitch has a quick pitch! 66
The ball gets by my mitt. 72
It rolls into a ditch. I run and fetch it. 82

“What a pitch, Mitch!” 86

It is fun to pitch and catch. 93

Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY ditch, match, mitt, pitch, sod

QUESTIONS

What is the setting of the story?
What is in the bag?
What happens when the ball gets by?
What does it mean if you are a good match with someone?

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The Fun Run

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Phonics Focus: Closed-syllable words with digraphs and trigraph

WARM-UP WORDS* *together* *help*

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"We will go and yell for Jen at her match," they said.	94
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Language Comprehension Extension

VOCABULARY "whip up," batch, "edge her sod," match

QUESTIONS

What is "The Fun Run"?

What are some of the jobs the kids will do together?

How do those jobs help their pals?

Why do you think it is fun to help others?

*Key for Warm-up Words: *Decodable Dolch words outside the sequence*

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