

A is for Apple **Assignment 24**

Reading and Phonics

Complete Lesson 24 of volume 2.

Poetry Memorization

Memorize stanzas 1–6 of “Going Downhill on a Bicycle” by Henry Charles Beeching. Students should be memorizing their poem and introduction for the Poetry Bee at 2:00 on Friday, April 19.



Handwriting

Complete pages 83–85 of the handwriting book.

Dictation

Before giving the dictation, review the *gh* and *or* letter combinations and remind students to capitalize the first word in the sentence and to include an end mark.

EXERCISE A

1. He's forty.
2. She had enough.
3. It's for her.
4. Was it rough?
5. He ate corn.

Poems to Recite for Our Day of Poetry

“Going down Hill on a Bicycle” by Henry Charles Beeching
by Lily Sheridan

Introduction: Do you remember the thrill of riding a bicycle down a hill? If you don't, listen to “Going Down Hill on a Bicycle” by Henry Charles Beeching and it will make you once again feel like you are a bird in flight.

I Meant To Do My Work Today by Richard Le Gallienne
Recited by Olivia Humbert

Introduction: The poem you are about to hear is *not* about making excuses about not doing our work. It's about not forgetting to stand in wonder of the great and beautiful things that God has created.

“There is But One May” by Christina Rossetti

Recited by Sarah Malachowski

Introduction: We have only a couple of more weeks of May, and even though it might have some bad weather, it only comes by once a year and we shouldn't let it go by without enjoying the flowers and blooming trees. Listen to Christina Rossetti's beautiful poem about this beautiful month of the year.

“A Chill” by Christina Rossetti

Recited by Patrick Mohan

Introduction: Christina Rossetti's poem 'A Chill' is about a child who wants to be protected and cared for, just as little lambs and birds are by their mothers.

“The Lord Will Provide” by William Cowper

Recited by Gwen Gianotti

Introduction: Even though things might look hopeless for you today, God will provide for you—just at the right time. Listen to and be encouraged by William Cowper's poem that talks about the Lord's care for us.

“The Cow” by Robert Louis Stevenson

Recited by Owen Ireland

Introduction: What do you think about cows? Maybe you don't think about them at all. But the poet Robert Louis Stevenson thought enough about them to write a poem about one, and a boy who did not take it for granted.

“Merry Little Alice” by Christina Rossetti

Recited by Iliana Lott

Introduction: A little girl named Alice is happy. It's not because her father is important. It's not because her family is rich. And it's not because they live in a big house. Listen to the poem and find out why Alice is called “*Merry Little Alice*.”

“Rosy Maiden Winifred” by Christina Rossetti

Recited by Laneya Worthington

Introduction: It is morning. The sun is shining in a blue sky and there is a beautiful smell of flowers in the air. Can you understand why Rosy Maiden Winifred thinks the birds are singing, “All is well”?

“The Lowest Place” by Christina Rossetti

Recited by Rita Haselbarth

Introduction: The lowest place is really something high. How so? It is the place that Jesus took when he died on the cross for people's sin. The speaker in the poem is thankful that by Jesus' lowering himself, we can, by his grace, be by his side.

The Cow

By Robert Louis Stevenson

The friendly cow all red and white,
I love with all my heart:

She gives me cream with all her might,
To eat with apple-tart.

She wanders lowing here and there,
And yet she cannot stray,
All in the pleasant open air,
The pleasant light of day;

And blown by all the winds that pass
And wet with all the showers,
She walks among the meadow grass
And eats the meadow flowers.

Merry Little Alice
By Christina Rossetti

Dancing on the hilltops,
Singing in the valleys,
Laughing with the echoes,
Merry little Alice.

Playing games with lambkins
In the flowering valleys,
Gathering pretty posies,
Helpful little Alice.

If her father's cottage
Turned into a palace,
And he owned the hilltops
And the flowering valleys,
She'd be none the happier,
Happy little Alice.

Rosy Maiden Winifred
By Christina Rossetti

Rosy maiden Winifred,
With a milk pail on her head.
Tripping through the corn,
 While the dew lies on the wheat
 In the sunny morn.

Scarlet shepherd's-weatherglass
 Spreads wide open at her feet
 As they pass;
Cornflowers give their almond smell

While she brushes by,
And a lark sings from the sky
“All is well.”

The Lowest Place

By Christina Rossetti

Give me the lowest place: not that I dare
Ask for that lowest place, but Thou hast died
That I might live and share
Thy glory by Thy side.

Give me the lowest place: or if for me
That lowest place too high, make one more low
Where I may sit and see
My God and love Thee so.

I Meant To Do My Work Today

By Richard Le Gallienne

I meant to do my work today—
But a brown bird sang in the apple tree,
And a butterfly flitted across the field,
And all the leaves were calling me.

And the wind went sighing over the land,
Tossing the grasses to and fro,
And a rainbow held out its shining hand—
So what could I do but laugh and go?

The Rainbow

By William Wordsworth

My heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky:
So was it when my life began;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die!

The child is father of the man;
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety.

Suggested Reading

Jim Lamarche. *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. Chronicle Books, 2003. Kindness, giving and reciprocity are valued in this richly illustrated retelling of the fairy tale published by the Brothers Grimm. Remember that my weekly book suggestions are for the benefit of parents to develop their child's interest in reading, and they are not required for the class.