

# Gus the Bus



Reading Words with Short "u"



*Dedicated to children everywhere...*

**To all whom you meet, be truthful and kind.**

**Make the right choices, and good things you'll find!**

**Love others and smile - let your best actions lead.**

**Have fun, and have faith, and learn how to read!**

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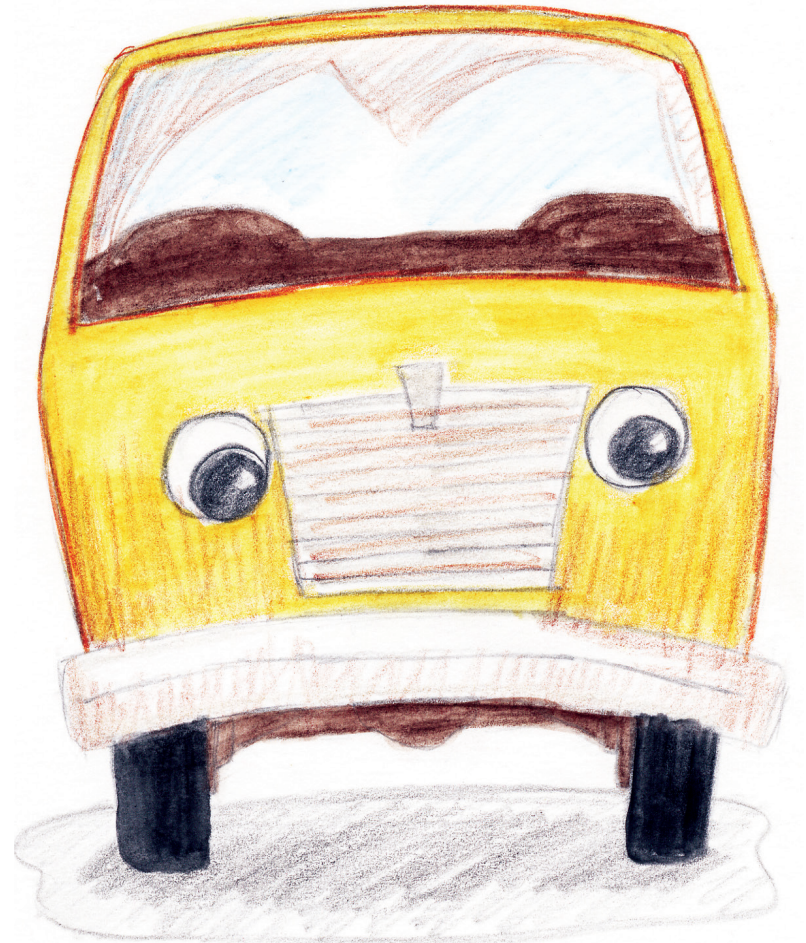
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**Gus was a bus.  
Gus did not run.  
Gus was a sad bus.**



**Gus had no gas.**



**Mud was on his hubcaps.**



**Here is Fuzz the cub.  
Can Fuzz tug sad Gus?**





**Huff and puff!**  
**Fuzz can not tug Gus.**



**Gus is a mess.**  
**Fuzz is a mess, too.**  
**Yuk!**  
**Get in a tub, Fuzz!**



**Here is Bud the pup.  
Bud will get gas for the sad bus.**



**Bud will wet and wax Gus.  
What fun!**





**Bud will buff Gus up.  
Bud will rub and rub.**



**Look at Gus now!  
The bus is not dull.**



**Gus runs, too.  
Gus is not sad.  
Bud and Fuzz are happy for Gus!**



**Gus will run and run in  
the hot sun!**



# Conversation Station

A Place to Talk and Smile

## Comprehension (discussion with reader)

1. In the beginning of the story, Gus had a big frown on his face. Why?
2. Who are Gus's friends?
3. What do Gus's friends do to help Gus?
4. Does Gus become happy at the end? Why?
5. How can you tell that Gus is happy?

## Conversation Time

1. Have you ever taken a ride on a bus?
2. Buses and cars need gas (or fuel) to run, just as you need food. Food is like fuel for our bodies.
3. Buses are one type of *transportation*. Can you think of other ways that people get from one place to another? (boats, airplanes, bicycles, trains, motorcycles, trucks, cars)
4. Have you ever played on a team, or watched a team play a sport? Sometimes, the players help each other. The characters in this story helped each other, too. Fuzz and Bud acted as a team to help Gus. Now, Gus can take Fuzz and Bud for a nice ride! Can you think of a time when you helped someone in need or someone who was sad? Can you think of a time when teamwork made something good happen?

## Sequencing

Draw a line to the numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story. Can you remember? (If you prefer, you can point to them.)



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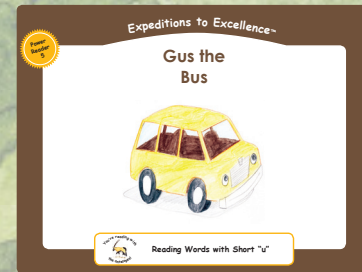


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these people too! They have  
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