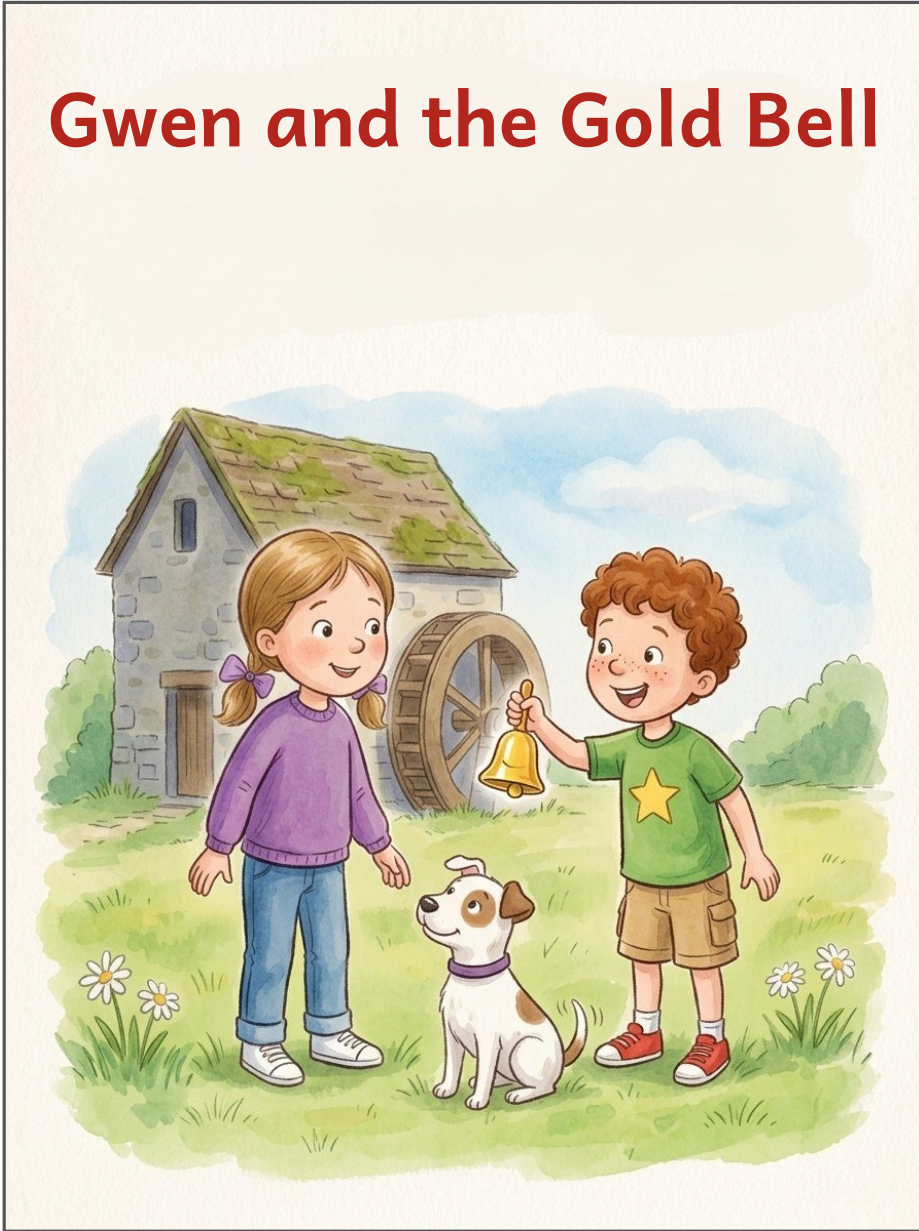


Gwen and the Gold Bell



Gwen and Ben went to play on
the grass behind the old mill.
Ben had a little gold bell. "I will
hide this bell," he said.



"You must find it. I will tell you if you are hot or cold." Gwen put on a blindfold. But Ben did not hide the bell.



He gave it to Dot the dog! She took five steps. "Cold," said Ben. She turned and took two more. "Hot! Very hot!" he yelled.



Gwen bent down to grab the bell. "No, cold again!" said Ben. Gwen stopped. How could a bell go from hot to cold so fast?



Ben was trying not to laugh. Gwen did not know that Dot the dog was holding the bell in her mouth.



Dot would not stand still!
"Hush, Ben," said Gwen. "Do
not tell me a thing." She stood
very still.



Then she heard it. Chime,
chime! The bell was just behind
her. Gwen spun around and
hugged a wild, wagging dog. She
took off the blindfold.



Dot dropped the gold bell in her hand. "You bold little pup!" said Gwen. "I found the bell, but best of all, I found you."

Words in This Book

Focus skill

Long vowel before two consonants: -ild, -ind, -old, -olt, -ost (wild, find, cold, most)

Rule Breakers — ILD, IND, OLD, OST words

behind, old, gold, find, cold, blindfold, holding, wild, bold

High-frequency words

and, to, the, a, he, said, it, she, was

Other story words

Gwen, Ben, went, play, on, grass, mill, had, little, bell, I, will, hide, this, you, must, tell, if, are, hot, or, put, but, did, not, gave, Dot, dog, took, five, steps, turned, two, more, very, yelled, bent, down, grab, no, again, stopped, how, could, go, from, so, fast, trying, laugh, know, that, in, her, mouth, would, stand, still, hush, do, me, thing, stood, then, heard, chime, just, spun, around, hugged, wagging, off, dropped, hand, pup, found, best, of, all

Talk About It

1. Where did Gwen and Ben go to play?
2. Who did Ben give the bell to?
3. Who did Gwen hug at the end?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the Rule Breakers — ILD, IND, OLD, OST list. How many can you find?