

# AR/Short A Word Sort

## Lesson 7: God Heard Their Cries

Directions for introducing the sort:

- Cut apart the words ahead of time (or your child can do this).
- Set up **star**, **and**, and **oddball** as your headers: the other words will go in columns underneath (see below).
- Before starting the sort, tell the child that you are sorting by two patterns: words with AR and words with the short A sound. Say, "There are two words that are 'oddballs!'" (These are words that *look* like they share the same pattern, but they *sound* different. Let your child discover this on her own as she does the sorting...this is the fun part for the child!)
- Read through the words together (*it is important that these words all be familiar to your child*). Discuss any words that your child doesn't know the meaning of, such as *spark* or *harsh*.
- Model sorting a few words from each category, until your child seems comfortable with looking for the patterns.
- Scramble the words up and let her re-sort it again *with support*.

Your sort should look like this when complete:

<b>star</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>oddball</b>
yard	plan	saw
arm	mad	war
part	fast	
spark	ran	
march	land	
dark	back	
harsh		

For more word sorts, check out **Words Their Way** & their word sorting supplement books. I highly recommend them (designed for Pre-K through high school).

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