

# Henry and Mudge and the Starry Night

Reader's Theater Script

From the Book: Henry and Mudge and the Starry Night by Cynthia Rylant

## Characters

Henry	Mudge	Mother	Father
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Number of Characters: 4

Reading Level: 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade

Setting: Campground

Suggested Props to Make: tent, backpacks, campfire, sticks, guitar, crackers, lantern, blankets/sleeping bags,

Challenge Vocabulary: campfire, drooled, climbed, groaned,

Double Consonants: raccoons, snuggled, giggled, slippery

\*\*\*\*Teacher Tip\*\*\*\*

- 1) Have the students highlight their parts for easy reading and better fluency!
- 2) Make sure students are reading with expression and feeling.

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**Henry:** I can not wait to go camping!

**Father:** You know Henry; your mother was a Camp Fire Girl when she was a little girl. So she knows all about camping.

**Henry:** Really? Does she know how to set up a tent?

**Father:** She sure does! She can also build a campfire and she knows how to cook camp food.

**Henry:** Do you know how to do all of that stuff, Dad?

**Father:** Well.....

**Mother:** Ha ha ha ha ha. Henry, your father is a great sport and he is really happy to be coming along with us.

**Henry:** Camping sounds like so much fun!

(Mudge barks and wags his tail)

**Henry:** So where are we going camping this year?

Father and Mother: Big Bear Lake

**Henry:** We'll see deer, Mudge. (Mudge wags his tail) We'll see raccoons. (Mudge shakes Henry's hand) We might even see...a *bear*. (Henry shivers and hugs Mudge)

(Mudge gives a big, slow, loud yawn)

**Henry:** No bear will get *us*, Mudge.

**Father:** Okay, let's get ready for our hike everyone.

(Put on backpacks and start walking)

**Mother:** Wow, this is beautiful.

**Henry:** Whoa! I just saw a fish jump straight out of that stream!

**Mother:** Awwwe. Look at that doe and her fawn.

**Father:** Neato! Check out that waterfall and that colorful rainbow.

(Mudge smells the ground looking for something)

**Mudge:** Bark! Bark! I smell a raccoon from yesterday. I also smell a deer from last night. I smell an oatmeal cookie from Henry's back pocket.

**Henry:** Mudge! You are too funny!

(Henry laughs and gives Mudge the cookie)

**Mother:** Hey everyone, I think this looks like a good place to set up our tent.

(Set up the tent, the fire, and take out some food)

**Father:** Who knows the words to 'Love Me Tender'?

(Father takes out his guitar)

**Henry:** (Looks at Mudge) Oh boy, this should be good.

(Father, Mother, and Henry lay on their backs looking at the sky. Mudge is sniffing the ground)

**Henry:** Wow, I didn't know there were so many stars in the sky.

**Mother:** There is the Big Dipper.

**Henry:** There is the Little Dipper.

**Father:** There is E.T.

(Mudge starts chewing on a log)

**Mudge:** Yummm. I can't get logs this good at home! I love camping!

**Henry:** Okay, I think we should start getting ready for bed.

(Father, Mother, Henry, and Mudge lay next to each other on the ground)

**Father:** Goodnight Henry.

**Henry:** Goodnight Dad.

**Mother:** Goodnight Henry.

**Henry:** Goodnight Mom.

**Mudge:** Bark! Bark!

**Father, Mother, and Henry:** GOODNIGHT MUDGE!

*The End.*