The Mud Dog

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Practice reading these sentences.

Mud is on Sad Sam.
Nan puts sud on Sad Sam.
Matt says, “Sad Sam is a mud dog.”
Some dogs really like to get dirty. Sad Sam is one of those dogs.

Sad Sam likes to dig.
Sad Sam dug in the mud!

Have everyone pantomime digging.
What is mud?
Matt sees Sad Sam.
“Oh, no!” says Nan.
“That pup got in the mud!”

Explain that pup is another word for dog.
Matt and Nan have to get Sad Sam out of the mud.

Matt tugs Sad Sam. “Sad Sam, you must get up,” says Nan.

Have the children pantomime tugs. “Must” means you have to.
Sad Sam gets out of the mud, but he’s still dirty. How can Matt and Nan clean him up?

Matt gets a cup. He gets Sad Sam wet. He puts soap on Sad Sam. Sad Sam has suds on him.

Show children soap and water. What are Matt and Nan going to do to Sad Sam? Make bubbles or explain that suds are bubbles made by soap and water.
Sad Sam does not like suds. He runs. The kids can not get him.

Make a Prediction: What do you think will happen? (T-P-S)
A man sees the suds on Sad Sam. “Mad dog! Mad dog!” he yells.

Explain that rabies is a sickness that makes dogs act crazy. Sometimes dogs with rabies are called mad. Demonstrate yells.
The kids get Sad Sam.

Have the children make faces that show afraid.

Does Sad Sam have rabies? (WGR) What is that on his face?
Matt says, 
“Sad Sam is not a MAD dog. 
“Sad Sam is a MUD dog.”
Matt explains to the man that Sad Sam doesn’t have rabies. He is just covered with suds because they are trying to clean off the mud. The man is not worried anymore.
The kids get Sad Sam wet. Sad Sam sits in the sun.

Point to the sun.
What will happen to Sad Sam when he sits in the sun? (T-P-S)
Now Sad Sam is all cleaned up, and he dries his fur in the sun.

Matt pats Sad Sam. He says, “You are not a MAD dog. You are not a MUD dog.”
Matt says,
“You are a good dog. I love you!”

Is Sad Sam still dirty?
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1. How did Sad Sam get so muddy?
   [Sad Sam dug in the mud.]

2. Why did Sad Sam run away?
   [Sad Sam did not like having a bath.]

3. Why did the man think Sad Sam was a mad dog?
   [Sad Sam had suds around his mouth like a dog with rabies does.]

4. How did Sad Sam feel at the end of the story?
   [Responses will vary.]
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