

A 28-Day Devotional for Kids

Let's Party!



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START HERE

What's up, friend? Welcome to a new book!

Well, this is actually not just "a book." This is YOUR book. Written just for you.

That's why there's that HUGE space over there to write, design, decorate, scribble, collage, or even secret-code YOUR name and leave your mark!

Now, you could just read this book . . . but that would be boring. It would be even better if you EXPERIENCED this book.

Turn the page to see five ways to unlock this book.



You are remarkable. Yes, you are extraordinary! God made you and everyone else that way. Don't believe it? Just keep reading.

Signed,

Leslie and a bunch of my friends

This book belongs to:



5 Ways to Unlock This Book

tell your parent

Tell your adult human person all about this book. Show them a few pages and rip this square out and give it to them:

I'm starting a challenge to celebrate the things that God has made. Can we maybe throw a little party?

look for stickers

When you see:



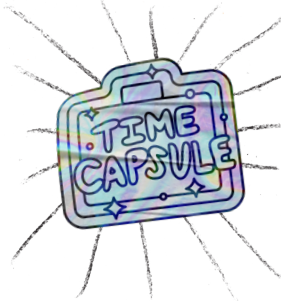
you can discover a big idea to help you shine even brighter! Follow the stickers throughout this book and look for how these ideas connect.

be a party starter

We saved the best for last: every "Day 7" in this book is all about celebrating something God has done, so throw a mini-party! Get ready to be a party starter!

create your time capsule

Anytime you see:



grab some supplies and your time capsule! Your time capsule can be a shoebox, a lunch box, an old cereal box, one of those weird tins with cookies on the front that never actually has cookies inside, or one you make. Whatever you use, we're going to fill it with amazing things we can use to start a party.

count to 28

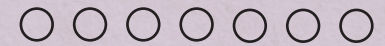
If you can count to 28, you can make it to the end of this book! Whether you do one page a day, one page a week, or one page a month, these 28 days will help you see the wonder of God's story and how you fit into it. Keep track here:

HABIT TRACKER

Week 1



Week 2



Week 3



Week 4



WEEK 1

WHEN THE

STARS

WERE BORN

What's Ahead This Week

DAY 1

Stars are born for a reason



DAY 2

Wow, look at the stars



DAY 3

Imagine what God can do



DAY 4

Explore the galaxies



DAY 5

God is here



DAY 6

You are known



DAY 7

God stopped to party





At the beginning of the world, God created light.

A long time ago, beyond the galaxies, far, far away, before there was anything, there was God.

And God was up to something . . .
Creating. Planning. Designing. Building.

But what was God creating? For who?
And what could God's first act of creation back then possibly say to you today?

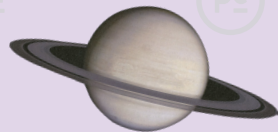
Let's find out together.

DAY 1

God made a lot of amazing things

stars are born for a reason

Do you know what it takes for someone to become a star ...
basketball player?
gymnast?
dancer?
LEGO® builder?



If you made a list of what it takes to shine like a star, it would probably include a lot of things like ...
extra practice, working out, good coaches, better equipment, natural instincts, physical coordination, a healthy diet, and Nikes®.

But what if the same thing that makes someone a star is actually the same thing that makes a star a star?

It probably sounds kind of out there, but we *are* talking about the cosmos.

And maybe you haven't noticed lately, but you and the stars have a lot in common. Humans and stars are both made from a mixture of the same gases and elements.

And there is one very critical thing they both need,

WHEN THE STARS WERE BORN



So back to the question, what makes a *star* a star?

Here's a hint:

It's the reason a star is born.

It's the reason a star is round.

It's the reason a star exists for thousands or millions or trillions of years.

It's even the reason you can breathe air.

And it's an invisible force.

Just to be clear, this "invisible force" we are talking about is not God. Sure, God made the world, and God made the stars. But God is bigger than this invisible force we're talking about because God made it too.

And here's something else to think about: What if God made the stars to shine a light so you could understand things about God?

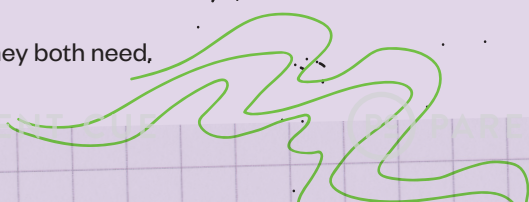


What if God made you to be curious and ask questions about things like the stars?

So, have you figured it out?

Do you know what makes a *star* a star?

Gravity



DAY 1

light shows you...

...things you can't see

WHEN THE STARS WERE BORN!



Yep, it's gravity. Sure, gravity isn't the only thing that makes a star a star, but it's an important one.

The most simple definition of a star is "a sphere of gas held together by its own gravity."



Without gravity, stars would never be born, the world would not orbit the sun, and you couldn't play basketball. Just Google it.

Watch a YouTube video. Do some reading about it.

When God said, "Let there be light" and created the sun, moon, and stars to shine, God did something else to keep everything in place. God created gravity.

The same God Who said it was good to create the stars evidently thinks it's good for you to ask questions about the stars. Here is something God wanted written down in an ancient book—the Bible—so you would know that we can learn secrets from the stars:

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands ...
night after night they reveal knowledge
(Psalm 19:1-2, NIV).



What do you think that means? There's apparently something about the galaxies that helps us understand more about God and life. Even the stars in the night sky can actually "reveal knowledge." (That just means they can help us discover things.)

It's true. We know a lot more now about life because people asked questions about the stars for thousands of years.

Studying the stars has helped us understand more about navigating, measuring time, flying airplanes, weather patterns, pollution, farming, electronics, and hundreds of other things.

So, keep asking questions about how stars are born.

Maybe God put the stars here to shine to help you know how to shine.

gravity helps me

Think about the things that gravity helps you do and write them inside of the balloons!

