

Activity tie-in: Astronomy

Object: NA

Bible verse: Isaiah 40:26 “Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens. Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.”

Lesson: We are more precious than all the stars in the sky

Introduction ideas:

- You could ask the students if they know of any constellations and show them pictures of the popular ones
- You could ask the students to guess how many stars there are in the sky--maybe start with a jellybeans-in-a-jar type game and build up from there

Lesson suggestions:

- Move from the introduction to the idea that there are billions and trillions of stars in the sky and that each star has its special place, and God knows each and every star
- Quote and apply the Bible verse
- Talk about how the stars are just tiny specks in God’s creation. If he knows each star individually and calls them by name, how much more so does he know and care about us?
- Perhaps connect to Matthew, when he talks about the sparrows and the flowers

Questions for interactive lesson:

- “Why do you think Isaiah said to look to the heavens?”
 - He was turning our focus to God
- “How do we see God’s power and strength in our lives?”
 - God works in large, miraculous ways, but also in ways that seem small

Closing prayer:

Dear God, we know that you created all the stars in the sky--so many that we can’t possibly count them! You know each star by name, and you love them all, just like you know and love each and every one of us. Help us to remember that we are precious to you, even more precious than all of the stars. Thank you for loving us and for sending your son to save us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.