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A CHRISTIAN SPACE UNIT STUDY

Mission: SKY MATES

"The heavens declare the glory of God." Psalm 19:1

Parent Guide



Whole family · ages 5–13 | 8 lessons | 3 levels | Read along with Drew



🎵 Our theme song: The Heavens Declare

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INTRO
Ten, nine, eight, seven...
six, five, four, three...
two, one... blast off!

VERSE 1
Torch in my hand and a globe in the dark
I spin the whole world and I watch for a spark
The sun's never sleeping, it's shining away
It's night here for me, but for someone it's day
Long shadows at breakfast, short shadows at noon
A silver-white smile from a sliver of moon
Each night it is changing, it never stands still
God set it in motion, it runs by his will

PRE-CHORUS
Look up, look up, what do you see?
A sky full of wonders for you and for me

CHORUS
The heavens declare the glory of God!
The sun and the moon and the stars in the dark
Mission: Sky Mates, we're reaching up high
To praise the great Maker who painted the sky
The heavens declare (the heavens declare!)
The glory of God (the glory of God!)
From the edge of the sea to the Southern Cross
The heavens declare the glory of God!

VERSE 2
Mercury, Venus, then Earth, our home
Mars, then Jupiter, big as a dome
Saturn with rings, then Uranus, then blue
Neptune is last, and he made them all too
What goes up must come down, it's gravity's pull
He holds every planet, he holds every soul
I'll build me a lander and land it just right
Then party with stars on a warm summer night

(Pre-Chorus)

(Chorus)

BRIDGE
When I look at your heavens, the work of your hands
The moon and the stars, all the way that you planned
Who am I, that you'd know me, that you'd call me by name?
The God who made galaxies loves me the same

BREAKDOWN
Who made the sun? (God made the sun!)
Who made the moon? (God made the moon!)
Who made the stars? (He made the stars!)
Who made me? (He made you too!)

(Chorus)

OUTRO
Blast off... to praise him!

"The heavens declare the glory of God."
Psalm 19:1

Scan to sing along
https://aussiebiblemates.com.au/songs/the-heavens-declare/



MISSION 1 · DAY AND NIGHT

Our Star, the Sun

📖 **Story time**

The torch clicked on, and warm yellow light filled the dark lounge room.

“Okay, Mates,” said Big Mate. “This torch is the Sun. And this globe is our Earth.”

Little Mate put both hands on the globe. “Can I spin it?” “Slowly,” said Tilly. “Earth spins once every day.”

Australia slid out of the shadow and into the golden light. “It’s morning for us!” Little Mate cried. He kept turning, and Australia slipped into the dark. “Now it’s night… but the Sun didn’t switch off!”

“Nope,” grinned Ruby. “It’s shining on the kids on the other side of the world.” Over the couch, Pip’s eyes went wide.

Big Mate smiled. “God made the day and the night,” he said. “And he keeps his Sun shining all the time, even while we sleep.”

🤔 **BIG QUESTION**

Where does the Sun go at night?

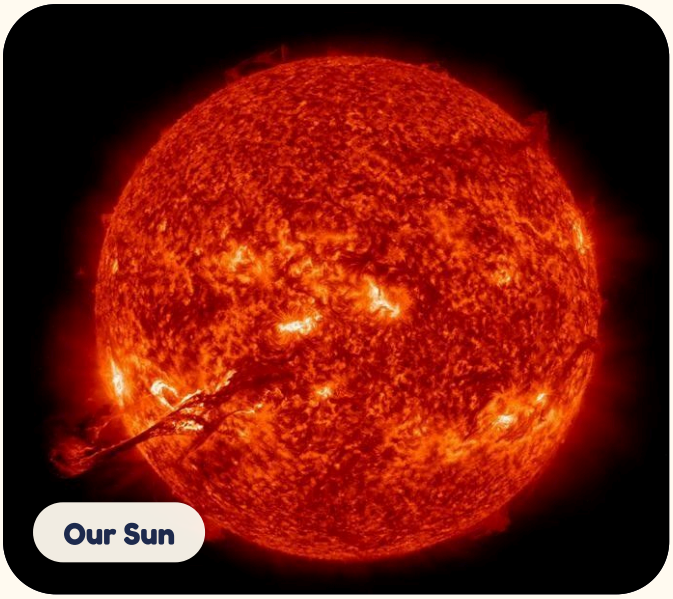
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🎧 **Listen with Drew**
Scan to hear this story read aloud.

“The day is yours, the night is also yours. You have prepared the light and the sun.” **Psalm 74:16**

🔭 Real space!

These are real photos from NASA missions and astronauts.





⭐ The Sun is a **star**, the closest one to us.

150 million kilometres from the Sun to Earth.

8 min for sunlight to zoom all the way to Earth.

24 hours for Earth to spin around once: one day and one night.

Try it! Make day and night

1. Darken the room. The torch is the Sun, so keep it still.
2. Put a sticker on Australia on a globe or a ball.
3. Turn the globe slowly. Shout “Day!” when the sticker is in the light and “Night!” when it’s in the dark.
4. Is the Sun still shining when it’s night for us? Where?

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Day and Night

Little Mates · ages 5–7

Name: _____ Date: _____

WORDS TO KNOW Sun · day · night

1 Trace the words.

Sun day night

2 Circle the day pictures in yellow. Circle the night pictures in blue.





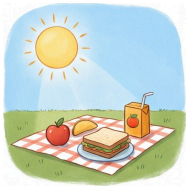



3 Put the pictures in order. Write 1, 2, 3, 4.


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4 Is the Sun a star?

☐ yes ☐ no

5 Draw a picture in each box.

Me in the day

Me at night

6 At night, the Sun is shining on the other side of Earth. Trace it.

How did I go?