God is Supreme

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Never point your telescope anywhere near the sun!

Astronomy always fascinates me! It also helps me understand theology—the study of God.

That would be my great pleasure!

Take a look at that sunset!

Colonel Irwin, thanks for coming! Do you think we’ll see something really cool?

Can you teach us about God, too?

There is no activity for the kids to do on this page. Read the dialogue together.
God has many different names in the Bible. Elohim means “Mighty One” or “Supreme Deity.” “In the beginning, Elohim created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). Elohim is the broadest Old Testament name for God. This title reveals that God is the Mighty One with supreme authority.

God also identifies Himself as Yahweh, or “I Am.” This name indicates that God is entirely self-existent—the God who is.

Yahweh is God’s personal name—He is Person (but not human). God reveals His name because we are important to Him! Yahweh wants us to know who He is, what He is like, and what He can do.

*In most English Bibles, the Hebrew word Yahweh is translated “Lord” (note the use of small capitals).

The sun’s gravitational force holds them in orbit. Life also goes best when all our activities center on God.

### Write an E or Y beside each Bible verse to identify the name of God it describes:

- **Genesis 1:1**
- **John 8:58**
- **Yahweh**
- **“Lord”**
- **Elohim**
- **“God”**
- **Psalm 19:1**
- **Exodus 3:14**

The Elohim/Yahweh verses are more about prompting discussion than getting right/wrong answers.
List two activities from your life, then ask God to help you surrender each one to His supreme control.

1. 
2. 

Why do you think the Bible has so many different names for God?

Does the Bible say that everything revolves around the earth?

No, the Bible does not directly refer to the motion of the planets. An ancient philosopher named Ptolemy taught (incorrectly) that the sun and all the planets moved around the earth. Early church leaders made the big mistake of promoting Ptolemy’s ideas as God’s Word. Instead, they should have admitted that the Bible is “silent” on the subject.

When Galileo used a telescope to track the motion of planets, he realized that they revolved around the sun. Unfortunately, the Church held tightly to Ptolemy’s wrong teaching—and made things difficult for Galileo. Many years later, church leaders admitted their error and apologized.

Just as all the planets circle the sun, all life’s activities can revolve around God.

UNIVERSAL TRUTH: One God rules the universe as Supreme Being—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

God is Infinite Creator

The Bible says that God created it all. I had no idea that many stars are out there! Our science teacher says that everything started with a “big bang!” The Bible says that God created it all.

Both of those explanations of the origin of the universe take faith!

Use words or pictures to show what you have heard about these explanations:

answers will vary
Five qualities show that God is infinite—He has no boundaries or limitations. Use the word bank to identify each quality with the sentence that explains it.

- **unchanging**
  - God has unlimited power to do what pleases Him. (Jeremiah 32:17)
- **all-knowing**
  - God understands everything about everything. (Psalm 147:4-5)
- **almighty**
  - God has unlimited power to do what pleases Him. (Jeremiah 32:17)
- **everywhere**
  - God is always present in every place. (Jeremiah 23:23-24)
- **eternal**
  - God exists forever—without beginning or end. (Psalm 90:2)

A God like that could easily create the universe!

Draw pictures to show God’s activity during the first six days of Genesis.

**DAY 1**
1:1-5

**DAY 2**
1:6-8

**DAY 3**
1:9-13

**DAY 4**
1:14-19

**DAY 5**
1:20-23

**DAY 6**
1:24-31

GOD MADE EVERYTHING FROM NOTHING.
HE GIVES LIFE TO ALL THINGS THAT EXIST.

Answers will vary.
Why do many scientists leave God out of creation?

In recent years, scientists began to believe natural laws alone—rejecting supernatural options. For them, the scientific method is the ultimate test of truth, and faith is a weakness that cannot stand up to scientific reasoning.

Because no one witnessed the birth of the universe, scientists must begin by making assumptions. Some assume God does not exist, so they try to make sense of everything based on science alone. Others assume God created everything and designed laws that govern the way the universe works.

Although the “Big Bang” is only one theory that attempts to explain how things came to be, science classes are taught as if it were actually true. But many scientists have strong evidence that the universe shows fingerprints of “intelligent design.”

Every explanation of the origin of the universe requires faith to believe. Circle the one you believe is true.

**Universal Truth:** The all-powerful, all-knowing God created everything out of nothing.

**Then tell someone why.**
Different Bible translations will result in slightly different words and word counts.
Why does the moon have so many craters?

Because the moon has no atmosphere, large meteorites crash into its surface and form craters. Thankfully, earth’s dense atmosphere burns up most meteorites before they land. When we see these burning meteorites at night, we call them “shooting stars.”

Until recently, astronomers thought that after years and years of meteor impacts, craters covered the moon equally. However, satellite photographs reveal that the far side of the moon has many more craters than the side facing the earth. This may indicate that most meteorites hit the moon during a very short period of time, possibly from an exploding planet. These photographs made some people wonder if the moon was really as old as they had thought.

God is Selfless Lord

What a cool jet! Was the rocket you took to the moon anything like it?

What’s it like to be an astronaut?

Astronauts spend most of their time training for the next spaceflight. These pictures will give you an idea.

Astronaut Jim Irwin was the eighth human being to walk on the moon— and the first to drive a wheeled vehicle across its surface.
Many people are confused about what God is really like. Put a "P" on each line to show what most people think God is like. Then read each verse and put a star "★" on the line to show what the Bible says about God.

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Imagine what God can see from His throne in heaven—where He reigns as Lord over all! It's safe to walk around now—but don't touch any controls, especially this red button.

Who God is determines how God deals with people.

Earth—the Goldilocks Planet

God designed a special planet where seven essential ingredients are "just right" for people! Write numbers or draw images from the picture-bank below to show how each one is "just right" on earth.

- Distance: \_,000,000
- Star Type: G2V
- Tilt: 23.5
- Atmosphere: 93
- Size & Weight: 24
- Magnetic Field
- Rotation

The “P” answers will be based on each child’s unique experiences with others.

See the Teacher Guide and DiscipleLand.com/downloads for a full guide to the answers on this page.
Does life exist on any other planet? We have made many moon explorations, sent Viking satellites to Mars, and Voyager probes to Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus. All have revealed extremely harsh conditions. It is clear that no other planet in our solar system can sustain life as we know it.

Some scientists hope to find life on other planets to support their belief that life began on the earth without an apparent cause (without God). For decades, radio telescopes have been beaming messages out and listening for incoming signals. So far, all our efforts to detect life beyond earth have identified nothing else “out there.”

God is Upright Judge

In 2006, astronomers reclassified Pluto as a “dwarf planet.” Our solar system has eight “official” planets.

What temptation do you struggle with? Write key words in Morse code.

Children write in code so that others will not see their answers.
Five qualities show that God is infinite—He has no boundaries or limitations. Use the word bank to identify each quality with the sentence that explains it. Then write something you discovered from each Bible verse.

- **unchanging**
  - Deeper understanding: God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
  - Bible verse: 

- **all-knowing**
  - Deeper understanding: God knows all things.
  - Bible verse: "There is no searching out of the things of God" (Romans 11:33).

- **almighty**
  - Deeper understanding: God has power over all things.
  - Bible verse: "The Lord is almighty; the Lord is over all the earth" (Psalms 40:13).

- **everywhere**
  - Deeper understanding: God is present everywhere.
  - Bible verse: "The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth be joyful!" (1 Chronicles 16:32).

- **eternal**
  - Deeper understanding: God is eternal, existing before and after time.
  - Bible verse: "The Lord is King for ever and ever" (1 Chronicles 16:25).

There must be no end to outer space! The universe is huge—but it still has boundaries. If God created it all, He's even bigger!

The Creator established laws of physics that govern the planets. He also set up rules to guide people. God has full authority to decide what is right and wrong. He is the upright Judge who rewards and punishes people according to those laws.

Roman astronomers associated bright, moving objects in the night sky (the planets) with mythical gods and goddesses. Use the clues to identify each planet.

- **Mercury**
  - Proper name: God of the morning stars
  - Bible verse: "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1).

- **Venus**
  - Proper name: God of love
  - Bible verse: "Let love be sincere. Hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good" (Romans 12:9).

- **Earth**
  - Proper name: God of the earth
  - Bible verse: "Earth and everything filled with it is the Lord's" (Psalm 24:1).

- **Mars**
  - Proper name: God of war
  - Bible verse: "The Lord is the warrior; his weapons are mighty" (Psalm 46:9).

- **Jupiter**
  - Proper name: God of the sky
  - Bible verse: "The Lord executes justice for the孤国 of the oppressed, and judges for the poor of the land. He delivers the needy who cry for help" (Psalms 72:12).

- **Saturn**
  - Proper name: God of justice
  - Bible verse: "He judges the upright by what is right and the poor by what is just" (Psalms 149:9).

- **Uranus**
  - Proper name: God of the sea
  - Bible verse: "The sea is full of creatures; all creatures that live in the sea are his" (Psalms 104:26).

- **Neptune**
  - Proper name: God of wrathfulness
  - Bible verse: "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose hope is in him" (Psalm 119:59).

We're flying so fast that it's already night! Actually, we've escaped earth's atmosphere. We're speeding through space.

The Judge knows that I'm "guilty."
Do all the planets spin in the same direction? Venus and Uranus rotate in the opposite direction of all the other planets in our solar system. This fact puzzles scientists who support the “Big Bang” theory. They believe all the pieces eventually spun together as stars and planets after the huge explosion. If this theory were true, then all the planets formed in our solar system would spin in the same direction.

Astronomers are also trying to figure out why Triton, Neptune’s biggest moon, rotates in the opposite direction as Neptune. Every other moon spins in the same direction as its parent planet. The best explanation is that God created it that way!

Kids—something’s coming up fast—dead ahead! Strap yourselves in—and PRAY!

God designed fascinating features on each planet in the solar system. Why do you think He made them all so different?

God is Upright Judge
Ecclesiastes 12:14

God Blesses

The first space collision took place in 2009 when unmanned satellites from Russia and the United States crashed into each other. At a velocity of nearly 3000 miles per hour, “space junk” began orbiting Earth.

Hang on! We’ve got to dodge some “space junk”!

Liking this? Other items related...
That was a close call! We almost ended up as space garbage. Even though I disobeyed God, He rescued us! Hey everybody—I'm sorry for getting us into so much trouble. I hope you can forgive me. God heard our prayers. We forgive you, Dee. Now is a good time to open the Space Survival Kit.

The dove on the front of the Space Survival Kit symbolizes the Holy Spirit's presence and God's blessing. The phrases below show four ways that God blesses people—even those who don't deserve His favor. Match a Bible verse to each one. Then complete each sentence in your own words.

- Hebrews 1:3a
- 1 John 5:14-15
- Jeremiah 31:3
- Psalm 139:1-4

- God adores
- God knows
- God preserves
- God hears

Answers will vary.

Help kids identify each item—they will encounter the items in all subsequent lessons.
Satellites send valuable data and amazing photos from distant places in space. Create a satellite that might improve the lives of others.

**UNIVERSAL TRUTH:**
God blesses all people so they can respond to His love.

**Why do we have so many satellites—and how do they stay in orbit?**

Most artificial (man-made) satellites circle the earth. Some provide information about weather patterns. Some satellites transmit billions of voice, data, and video signals. Others are used for navigation (GPS), scientific research, or military surveillance. Still other artificial satellites explore outer space.

All satellites (including the moon, our largest and only natural satellite) stay in orbit through the combination of satellite speed and the earth’s gravity. If satellites slow down, they fall to earth and are burned up in its atmosphere.

**God Saves**

Everything in the Survival Kit has both a practical use and a spiritual use. The practical use comes during a space emergency. The spiritual use shows the Holy Spirit in action.

Number each item in the Survival Kit to identify its practical use:

1. Dove—to remember God is always present
2. Six-sided Token—to reprogram the flight plan
3. Ring—to prove authority to use computer
4. Lighter—to destroy impurities
5. Bottle—to maintain energy level
6. Lotion—to shield from radiation
7. Turbo-straw—to activate oxygen supply

**SPACE FACT**

Astronauts aboard Apollo 13 survived an oxygen tank explosion 200,000 miles up in space. After overcoming many hardships, they safely returned to earth. (The dramatic events were referenced in the movie *Apollo 13*.)
This token can rescue us from my big mistake! Its center reminds me of the Christmas star. Just as wise men followed the special star to Bethlehem, God calls people today to follow Jesus, His Son—the Light of the world.

Number each Bible verse to match the Good News statement that it explains.

1. God made you and loves you
   Romans 5:8
   John 3:16
   Romans 3:23
   John 1:12

2. God knows everything about you
   Romans 3:23
   Romans 5:8
   John 5:24
   John 3:16

3. Jesus died to forgive your sins
   Acts 1:8
   Romans 3:23
   John 1:12

4. Jesus rose to give you new life
   John 1:12
   Acts 1:8
   Romans 3:23

5. Are you ready to trust Jesus as your Savior?
   YES / NO

6. Trust God to empower you
   The Holy Spirit will always guide you
   Romans 5:10
   1 Peter 1:18-19
   Isaiah 53:5-6

This side shows what Jesus’ death on the cross accomplishes for us!

Read the Bible verses. Then match a key word from the coin with each verse.

God substitutes for us.
God’s Son took the place of people who deserved to die for their sins.

God redeems us.
God’s Son paid the ransom price to free people from sin.

God reconciles us.
God befriends people who were previously His enemies.

What’s on the other side of the token?
Can astronomers identify the star that the wise men followed to Bethlehem?

People have various theories about the star that appeared over Jesus' birthplace—a comet, an alignment of planets, or a supernova (exploding star). Astronomers have estimated the position of comets, planets, and stars during the time of Jesus' birth, but none of those theories matches the data. So, it is not likely that natural cosmic events can fully explain the Bethlehem star.

It is probably best to view the Christmas star as a unique, supernatural event. Perhaps God shined an intensely bright light from heaven, signaling to the wise men that the promised King had been born. After they reached Jerusalem, the heavenly light may have shone again—directly over the place in Bethlehem where Jesus was staying. (See Acts 9:3 for a similar story.)

**God Seals**

This ‘deposit token’ fits right here. Something’s wrong—the computer still won’t change our flight plan! The computer needs proof that we are authorized to program it. Use the Survival Kit seal-ring. Then we can head to the nearest black hole.

**God Saves**

Matthew 1:21

God left heaven and came to earth to rescue people from sin.
All people face death and eternal separation from God—like being drawn into a black hole. When we believe that Jesus died for our sins, God gives us the free gift of salvation. At that moment, God’s Spirit places His seal of ownership on us—proving that Christians belong to God. He frees us from powers of darkness and pulls us into the light.

God makes it absolutely clear who belongs to Him—and who does not. To prepare His followers for kingdom service, God supplies other wonderful benefits. Discover what they are by drawing lines that connect each image to the words and verses that explain it.

- **Justifies**
  - Romans 5:1
  - God declares people “not guilty,” removing their sin and confirming their righteousness.

- **Raises**
  - Romans 8:11
  - God gives new life to people who were dead because of their sin.

- **Indwells**
  - John 14:16-17
  - God comes to live within everyone who believes in Jesus Christ.

- **Adopts**
  - John 1:12-13
  - God welcomes believers into His family, making them His own children.

- **Baptizes**
  - 1 Corinthians 12:13
  - God places all Christians into the universal body of Christ, the Church.

Cross out the statements that are NOT true about black holes:

- contain incredible energy
- invisible
- weigh billions of tons
- produce X-rays
- exist near the earth
- smaller than a Cheerio
Are heaven and hell real places in outer space?

Though heaven and hell are real places, we can’t see them—even with powerful telescopes. For some reason, God has hidden those places from our eyes. Perhaps they exist in a totally different dimension outside the visible universe.

Jesus told people who didn’t believe in Him a scary story about what hell is like (Luke 16:19-31). God also invited John the Apostle to visit both hell (Revelation 20:10-15) and heaven (21:1-8) and to write about what he saw. Read those passages and think about where heaven and hell might be located.

God Purifies

We’re nearly reached the comet.

I’m hungry. Do we have any unidentified frying objects?

Try this soup, but heat it up first—to destroy any impurities.

Use the Space Survival Kit’s dyna-lighter.

What are some ways that fire and heat are used to sterilize or cleanse impurities?

Each of these benefits of believing means to you:

- God indwells me
- God raises me
- God adopts me

UNIVERSAL TRUTH: God places His seal of ownership on every believer.

Let’s hitch a ride on a comet!

In zero gravity, everything that’s not strapped down floats around—including dinner!”

God Seals

Ephesians 4:30

The Holy Spirit is like a seal of ownership—proving that believers belong to God. Tell what each of these benefits of believing means to you:

Heart Beat

God Seals

Ephesians 4:30

answers will vary

God changes me

God adorns me

God cleans me

God indwells me

God raises me

God adopts me

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Comets are rocky objects mixed with dust and ice particles that orbit the sun. Whenever a comet nears the sun, solar heat turns the ice to dirty steam. From a distance, this looks like a bright “tail.” After the ice has melted, the tail disappears and the comet becomes a cloud of dust.

Christians are like comets orbiting the sun. God is burning off all our impurities so we become holy and pure—like Him. The Holy Spirit is like a cleansing fire—purifying God’s people.

All five comets have hidden words that start with the red letter. Each word tells one way God purifies His children. Follow the cracks to identify the mystery words. Then read each Bible verse.

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**Convicts**
John 1:26-27
God sends believers about personal sin. They must confess their sins.

**Sanctifies**
Romans 15:14
God sets believers apart from the world to be His own holy people.

**Forgives**
John 16:8-11
God is merciful and forgives sins through the blood of Jesus Christ.

**Disciplines**
Deuteronomy 8:5-6
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God corrects His beloved children so they learn to walk in His ways.

**Prays**
Romans 8:26-27
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God’s Son and Spirit ask the heavenly Father to help believers obey Him.

Watch out for unnecessary letters!

“B” and “O” are not used on the final comet.
Heart Beat

How long does it take for a comet to burn out?

Each time a comet orbits the sun, some of the ice and dust turns to steam and blows into space—a majestic display visible for millions of miles. Scientists estimate that, on average, comets revolve around the sun about 40 times before the ice is all gone. Some comets orbit the sun more frequently than others. For instance, astronomers have observed Comet Halley 28 different times—every 76 years since 240 BC! Other comets take more than a thousand years to orbit the sun, so they will burn out much more slowly.

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UNIVERSAL TRUTH: God refines believers to share in His holiness.

God will also use fire to reveal the true value of our service for Him. Read 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 and draw a picture about what is going on.

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Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to empower His followers. He explained that the Spirit would give them power like a rushing river of water (John 7:37-39). Use Morse code to identify ways the Holy Spirit can empower you.

You’re looking at the Crab Nebula—what’s left of a supernova that exploded nearly 1000 years ago.

God transforms us. God changes believers into new people who follow Jesus. (Romans 12:2)

God fills us. God infuses His children with the Holy Spirit’s incredible power. (Ephesians 3:16)

God equips us. God gives His followers spiritual gifts to serve one another. (Ephesians 4:11-12)

God unites us. God unifies His people to live in harmony with each other. (Acts 4:32-33)

God enables us. God partners with believers to produce spiritual fruit. (John 15:5)
If the universe is still “young,” how can we see stars that are millions of light-years away?

Creation scientists have different theories about how light from very distant stars could reach the earth in a relatively short time. The view that makes the most sense to me is that God created a complete, fully developed universe. On the day God created stars, He also created starlight that was instantly visible far across space.

Genesis 1 tells us that when God made the trees, they were already bearing fruit—not tiny seedlings. When He made Adam and Eve, they were adults—not newborn babies. When He made the sun, it immediately produced light and radiated heat. It didn’t take millions of years for the swirling matter to become a shining energy ball.

God Sustains

**SPACE FACT**

They can release energy equal to 160 billion megatons of dynamite per second, disrupting radio, TV, and telephone signals on earth.

**God Empowers**

Isaiah 40:31

**Thirst**

Strongly desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39).

**Repent**

Confess your sins and turn to God (1 John 1:9).

**Trust**

In faith, ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).

**Obey**

Submit to the lordship of God’s Spirit (Galatians 5:16).

- Who is really in charge of your life right now? **God** or **me**?
- If you’re ready for the Holy Spirit to direct and empower you, pray through these steps above.

Answers will vary
God designed the solar system with incredible harmony and balance. Gravitational forces ensure that all the planets, moons, asteroids, and comets move in perfect precision. God sustains the solar system with His power and wisdom. God also sustains people each day—encouraging and supporting us in many ways.

**GOD ANOINTS US**
Isaiah 61:1
God appoints specific people to fulfill special jobs.

**GOD PROTECTS US**
Psalm 121:7-8
God watches over His followers, keeping them safe from harm.

**GOD HEALS US**
Psalm 41:3
God restores injured bodies, minds, and spirits.

**GOD PROVIDES FOR US**
Psalm 23:1-3
God supplies everything that His children truly need.

**GOD RESCUES US**
Psalm 34:17-19
God delivers people from desperate situations.

Wow—it’s really getting bright!
And hot!
And pray that God will sustain us!
Close your eyes.

*Answers will vary*
What makes the sun so hot?

That’s a good question—with a complicated answer. Scientists believe that the sun’s power comes from nuclear energy (fusion), compression energy (gravitational contraction), or both. Research indicates that the sun is gradually getting brighter and hotter. Therefore, billions of years ago the sun would only have glowed faintly—and the entire earth would have been frozen. Life could not have evolved and fossilized.

To account for this, some scientists believe that the sun produced intense solar flares that warmed the earth in just the right way, for just the right period of time, so the ice melted and life began. To me, it takes a lot less faith to believe that God created the sun, earth, and life—exactly as the Bible says. Ultimately, the sun gets its power from God.

The Holy Spirit is like soothing oil that comforts, heals, and refreshes God’s people.

**God Guides**

We’re experiencing a system-wide blackout—a complete loss of power.

Hey! What’s going on?

Somebody grab the turbo-tube from the Survival Kit!

Please guide us, Lord. This is very scary!

Tell about a time when you were completely in the dark—with no light source.

Read 1 John 1:5; then answer this question by “blackening out” the wrong responses:

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Psalm 121:7-8

**How do you need God’s comfort now?**

**How do you need God’s healing now?**

**How do you need God’s refreshment now?**

As we re-enter earth’s atmosphere, be ready for anything!
God does a much better job directing our lives than we do. The Holy Spirit is like heaven-sent wind—guiding believers along God’s pathway. God’s Spirit can direct each step of our lives. Just as God blows the clouds wherever He wants them to go, the Lord guides us, too. Find out about the ways God promises to guide His children. Then write how God’s guidance helps you.

As we re-entered earth’s atmosphere, our power shut down. God had a hand in things, too. Let’s go home now—please!

God teaches me
God’s promise: (John 14:26)
The Holy Spirit teaches me everything I need to know.
My need: answers will vary

God gives me wisdom
God’s promise: (James 1:5)
God eagerly shares His wisdom when I ask.
My need: answers will vary

God rewards me
God’s promise: (Jeremiah 17:10)
God will someday reward me for the way I live on earth.
My need: answers will vary

God counsels me
God’s promise: (John 14:16-17)
The Holy Spirit lives in me and counsels me.
My need: answers will vary

God leads me
God’s promise: (Psalm 25:9-10)
God leads me in His pathway each day.
My need: answers will vary

My Outer Space Adventure—Disciple Guide Answer Key—Lesson 12
How many stars are out there?

On a clear night, you can count 3,000 stars. With a small telescope, you see about 100,000 stars. The sun is merely one of 100 billion stars in the Milky Way Galaxy. And the Milky Way is only one of more than 100 billion galaxies! Do the math—there are at least 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 (ten billion trillion) stars. That's more than a trillion stars for every person on earth!

Those numbers make me feel very, very small. But they also show how very, very big our Creator truly is. God knows exactly how many stars there are—and He calls them all by name! (See Psalm 147:4 and Isaiah 40:26.)

I can't wait to learn more about our amazing God!

 answers will vary

That was an out-of-this-world adventure!

Colonel Irwin, thank you for guiding us around the galaxy.

It was my pleasure—almost as exciting as landing on the moon.

God has some amazing plans for the universe. Someday Jesus will appear on the clouds. He will come back to reward His followers according to how well they have served the Lord.

Then God will make a new heavens and earth—where He will live with his people.

Read Revelation 21:1-8 and draw the scene. (Remember to include yourself in the picture.)

UNIVERSAL TRUTH: God directs believers to faithfully carry out His incredible plan.

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Psalm 32:8

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Psalm 51:1