

Star's Dream



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Star is a nine year old girl. Her mother chose her name. Her mother said that she is a star. She brightens the life of the family. Also, she shines in any place.



Star and her mother are very close. They like to observe the sky together. They watch during the day and at night. In the daytime they look for shapes made by the clouds. At night they look at the stars.

Every night they watch for the first stars to come out. Sometimes they give them names. They also try to see which shines most brightly. They start to count them but realize that is impossible. Star sees that more and more appear.

Star is very curious. There are many things she wants to know about. She wants to know more about the stars. She wants to know what there is in the universe. She is passionate about this!

Star likes to learn. She is always reading and looking for information. She asks lots of questions. She wants to know more and more.

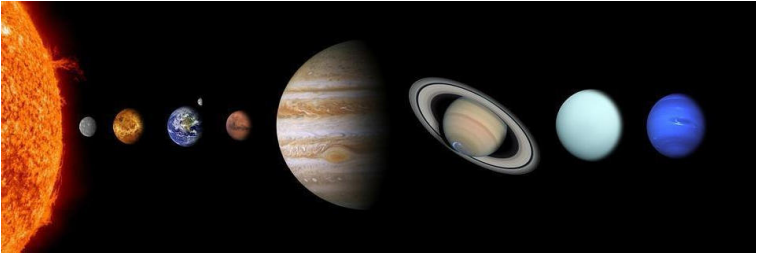
She seeks out her parents so that they can explain things to her. Martina, her mother, always tried to orient her. She says that the sun is a star. The sun illuminates the earth every day. Her father, Gilberto, talks to her. He encourages her to keep investigating.



Star is in third grade. One day she went to school, and it was a special day for her. Her teacher Hugo was going to start a new topic. The topic was the solar system.

The teacher wrote something on the blackboard. He asked the students to read it aloud. It said, "The Solar System."

Later he asked them to say something about the topic. One boy said that it was huge. A girl said that it has a lot of planets. Someone else said that the sun is at the center of it. Star said that the sun is a star. Another girl said that there was a moon. Someone said that there were asteroids and comets.



Star was very excited. The solar system appealed to her a great deal. She didn't even want to blink.

The teacher showed a picture to them. Then he started to explain it.



The teacher talked to them about the solar system. He explained that there are eight planets. In addition, there are minor planets and satellites. He explained that the moon is a satellite. He said that it goes around the earth.

The teacher told them about astronauts. He explained that they are people who travel in space. They travel in space ships. Also, they have discovered things there.

All the children wanted to know more about them.

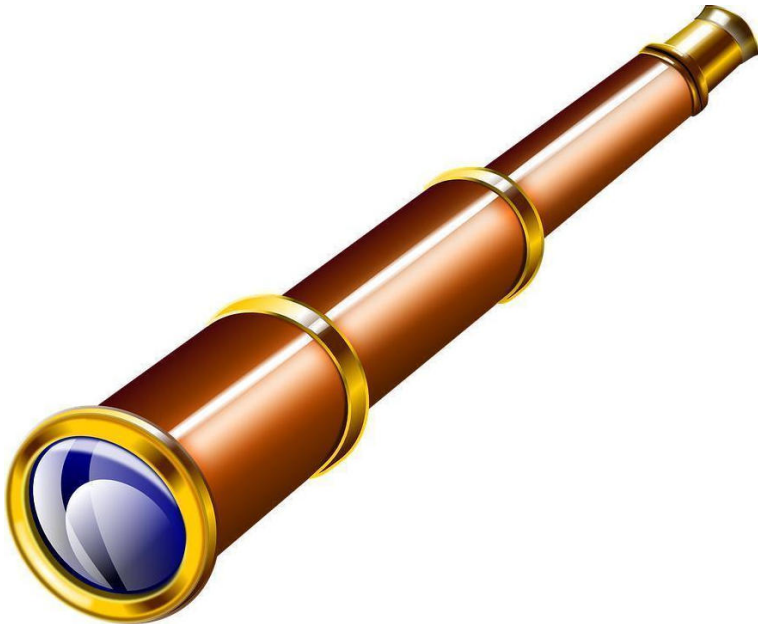
Star asked if there were women astronauts. Teacher Hugo responded that there are. He said astronauts have to study a great deal. He said that she could be an astronaut. That made her really excited!



Star went home all excited. She couldn't stop smiling. Her mother noticed how her eyes were shining. She asked her what was making her so happy. Star told her about the solar system.

She told her mother about what she had learned. She said that now she wanted to know more.

She wanted to know more about the universe. She wanted to learn the names of the stars. She wanted to know how many there were. She wanted to know what they were like inside. She wanted to see the moon. She wanted to know about other planets. She wanted to be an astronaut!



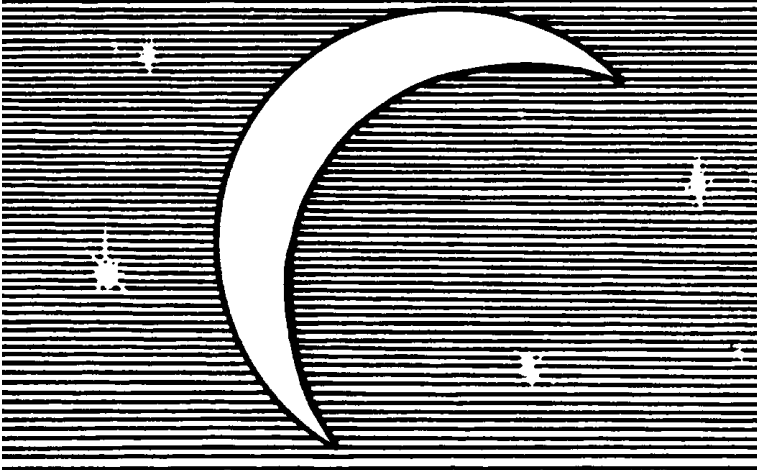
Star's parents wanted to support her. They were glad that she wanted to learn more. They were happy that she wanted to be an astronaut. That gave them a great idea. They would give her a telescope!

Star was really excited about her telescope. She thought it was the best gift ever.

Her father helped her put it together. They went through all the instructions. Later they found a place to put it. They set it in front of a window. From there, Star could watch the sky. She also learned how to adjust the lenses. That way she could focus it to see better.

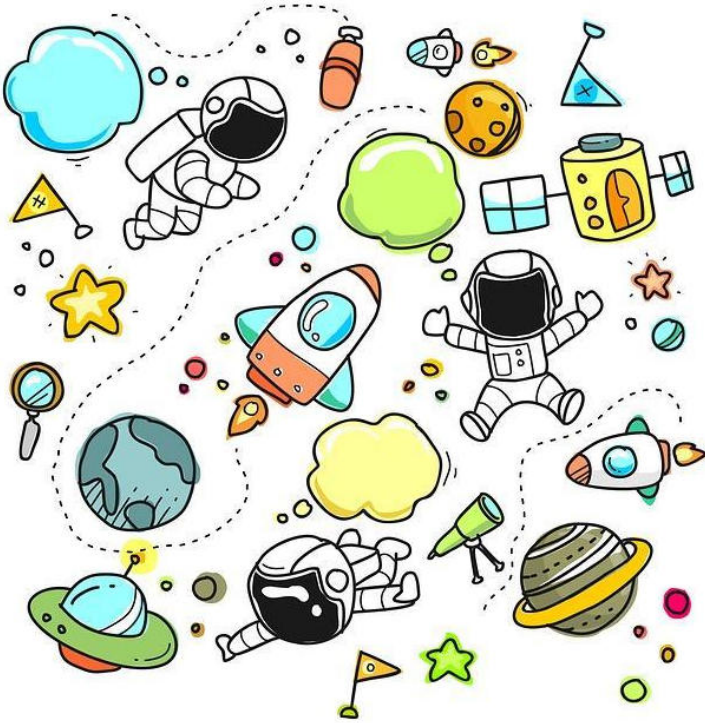
Every night Star got ready. She waited anxiously for it to get dark. She would go to the window. And from there she looked at the universe.

She saw the stars. She always looked at the moon. She like to watch as it changed phases. She also entertained herself looking for planets. Some nights she was able to see Venus. Other times she could see Jupiter.



She enjoyed watching the sky.
One night there was a terrible
storm with wind and rain. She
quickly closed the window. Right
away, she fell fast asleep.

She started to dream...



Star dreamed that she was an astronaut. She had a beautiful white suit. She walked among the stars. She could jump from one to another. She could also float.

Star traveled through the universe. She wanted to know every detail. She arrived and looked at each planet in the solar system. On every one she planted the Guatemalan flag.

She got to Mercury, the closest one to the sun. She went by Venus, which was very bright. She saw that Mars was red. She saw that Jupiter was an enormous planet. Saturn's rings captivated her. Uranus looked very cold.



Finally, she reached Neptune. Neptune was blue, which was Star's favorite color. The little astronaut enjoyed her marvelous trip.

Then suddenly...she woke up. It had just been an incredible dream!

Test Your Comprehension

What did Star do to learn more about the universe?

- She watched different television shows.
- She stayed late at school studying.
- She observed, read, investigated, and asked questions.

Test Your Comprehension

What did Star's parents give her?

A microscope

A telescope

Binoculars

Test Your Comprehension

What did Star want to be?

- A writer
- An astronaut
- A teacher

Test Your Comprehension

Why is the work of astronauts so important?

- Because they explore other planets and provide information about them.
- Because they travel in a special space rocket and fly.
- Because they use a helmet and artificial oxygen.

Test Your Comprehension

Why did Star want to know about the universe?

- Because she was named Star.
- Because he was passionate about the topic.
- Because her parents wanted her to be an astronaut.

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