

Toward a Better World: Star Gazing Around the World

Learning Value:

This activity promotes development and learning by encouraging children to observe, explore, and describe their environment to gain understanding of people, places, and things.

Materials Needed:

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Participants:

This activity is intended for adult/child interaction:



Directions:

Step 1: Watch the stars on a clear night. Talk with your child about what you see. Use your knowledge, a book, or a stargazing app to point out constellations.

Step 2: Ask your child if people in other parts of the world can see the stars and moon too. Talk about the idea that no matter where people are on the globe, no matter what we look like, where we live, what we do for a job — we can all see the stars. Older children might be interested to know that visible stars might differ depending on the time of year or the hemisphere we live in.

Step 3: Ask, “What else is the same for people all over the world?” A few ideas: We all get hungry, we all get tired, we all need shelter, and we all need friends. We all feel sad, happy, scared, or angry sometimes. We all need to feel safe.

More Learning: Older children may enjoy listening to “I, Humanity” by Jeffrey Bennett at [Story Time From Space](#).

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World at Home