

Jesus's Star award script

Hello everyone! Welcome to the 'Jesus's Star Award' – It's so lovely to see you all! Hope you are all well! Is everyone ready to start our award? Good, let's begin!

Let's all start with a big hello and welcome! My name is Charlotte and I've met some of you before! It's nice to see you all again! We are going to learn some exciting things today!

Today I'm going to teach you about stars! Particularly Jesus's Star! Everything we do includes God so before we start let's open with a prayer. Hands together and eyes closed. Dear heavenly Father, thank you that we have the opportunity to learn today about the beautiful star in the sky that you sent when Jesus was born! Open our minds and our hearts so we can learn more about You and the amazing things you do for us. In your name I pray, amen.

Great, let's start our award. Do you all have your worksheets printed for this week? Can you hold them up so I can see? Great! So to help us complete our worksheets, we have Mr Pencil – say hello to Mr Pencil! Whenever we see Mr Pencil, it means we can answer a question on our worksheet. But don't worry, I'll give you clues along the way.

So I have a question before we start – what is a star? Does anyone know what a star is? Well a star is a HUGE glowing ball of gas. There are billions and billions of stars in our universe and they bring lots of light.

Mr Pencil says we can complete our first question on our worksheet – what is a star? Well a star is a huge glowing ball of gas.

So we have lots and lots of stars in our universe but how did they get there? Who made the stars, do you know?

Well God made the stars! He put every single one out there for us to twinkle away along with the rest of the universe! God really is amazing isn't he?

Mr Pencil says we can complete the next question, who made the stars? Well God created the stars for us.

So when did God create the stars? We can find it in our Bibles. In Genesis it says that God created the world in 7 days. Did you know that on day 4, God created the Sun, moon and stars! He made all of them in one day, that's incredible isn't it?

Mr Pencil says we can complete the next question, on what day were the stars created? Well God created the Sun, Moon and stars on day 4.

I want you to go and do something for me. Can you go to the window and look outside? Can you see any stars in the sky? No? Why not? Well that's because it's

daytime and we can't see the stars in the day because the sun is shining. So when can we see the stars? Well we can see them in the sky at night.

Mr Pencil says we can answer our next question – when can you see the stars? Well we can see them in the sky at night.

All the stars in the sky are very, very far away from us, except one star. Can you think which star is the closest to us?

That's right it's the sun! The sun is the closest star to our planet and it lights up the sky in the day. Did you know the sun reflects off the moon at night to light up the night sky? Our Sun is so bright it gives us light all the time.

Mr Pencil says we can answer the next question – which star is closest to us? Well it's the sun.

Now I am going to tell you a story. A story that happened a long long time ago in a land far away. There were some wise men who were very clever. They read a lot of books and they also studied the skies. One day, they saw something in the sky, something very important. In fact, it was a message to tell them that Baby Jesus had been born. Can you guess what it was?

You are right! It was a Star! This star told the Wise Men that Jesus had been born. The star guided the Wise Men to where Jesus was in his stable in Bethlehem. Isn't that amazing?

Mr Pencil says we can answer the next question – What did the wise men see when Baby Jesus was born? They saw a star in the sky!

Did you know that lots of stars grouped together can make a pattern? Lots of stars make pretty patterns in the sky. When a pattern of stars comes together, they are called a constellation. Here you can see lots of constellations, each one has a name and looks like something.

Mr Pencil says we can answer the next question, what is a pattern of stars called? It's called a constellation.

Why don't we try and find a constellation out of the stars. Have a look at this group of stars. Can you see a pattern in this constellation?

Well this constellation is called Orion! Orion is a hunter. Can you see him holding his bow? He is wearing a very shiny belt. Good job. Shall we look at another constellation?

Have a look at this constellation. Can you spot a pattern in this constellation?

Well this is the constellation Ursa Major, which means 'Great Bear' in Latin. It looks like a saucepan doesn't it? It's a huge constellation and easy to spot in the sky. Let's look at one more constellation.

So here is our last constellation, what shape do you think it might be?

This constellation is Cassiopeia. Cassiopeia was a beautiful Queen from Greece. You can find her in the sky because she is shaped like the letter 'W'. There are so many constellations out there. Next time you go out and look at the sky, try and spot some of the constellations, or make up your own from any shapes you can see made up from the stars in the sky.

Mr Pencil says we can answer the next question – name a famous constellation. Well we have been able to find Orion, Ursa Major or the Great Bear and Cassiopeia.

Now it's your turn. On your worksheet, you have lots of little dots that represent stars. Can you draw your own constellation from the dots? I also want you to give your constellation a name too! I can't wait to see what you come up with. Here, I'm going to show you what constellation I managed to see.

This is my Constellation. I call it 'Fisherman' and it reminds me of Jesus's disciples because it looks like a fish and they were fishermen! Can you show me some of your constellations? If you haven't been able to finish yours now, that's ok! Take your time and make exciting!

So why do we have stars? Well besides lighting up the night sky and looking really pretty, they can also help you find your way at night.

Sailors have been known to use the stars to find their way across the sea. Stars can guide them to show them what direction they are going. If sailors are lost they can use the stars to help them find their way, just like the wise men.

In fact there is a really important star that helps them to find their way. It's called the North Star because it points north. Does anyone know where North is? It's the direction we face if we are facing up towards the North Pole. You can find North on a compass but what if you don't have a compass? Well if it's night time you can find north in the sky by finding the North Star.

So how do we find the North Star? Well remember Ursa Major? Well the Great Bear has a little brother, Ursa Minor, or the little bear! He looks like a little saucepan above the big saucepan. So when you look into the sky and see the big saucepan, follow the tip of the saucepan until you meet the handle of the little saucepan. There is a really bright star there. That star is 'Polaris', the North Star. This star is one of the brightest in the sky. If you follow this star, it will always lead you North.

Mr Pencil says we can answer the next question. Where can you find the North Star? Well you can find it at the end of the tail of Ursa Minor.

The sky is a really beautiful place in daytime and night time. Did you know, when Jesus left Earth, he rose up into Heaven and a cloud hid him from view. We know that one day Jesus is going to come back. But how will we know when he is coming? What direction is he going to come from?

Well, the Bible tells us that Jesus is going to come down from the clouds. Every single person on Earth will see him coming. No matter what country you are from or where you are in the world, you will see Jesus coming down from the clouds. That is incredible isn't it?

Mr Pencil says we can answer the last question on our worksheet – What direction will Jesus come from when he comes again? He will come down from the sky in the clouds and everyone shall see Him!

Congratulations! We have finished our award! Well done everyone! I hope you enjoyed learning about the stars like I did! So to finish up, we are going to have some fun!

On your worksheet, can you see a huge star? Well, this is your Christmas Star that I would like you to decorate. You can decorate it in many ways! You can colour it in, paint or even stick things inside it. Now why am I calling it a Christmas star?

Well, for the first time in 800 years, a bright light is going to fill the sky over Christmas. This light isn't caused by a star but 2 planets coming close together. These planets are Saturn and Jupiter and they are going to bring a bright light into the sky for all to see. It will be just like the Christmas Star the Wise Men followed, because that star also lit up the night sky.

So I want you to decorate your star inspired by the story of Jesus's birth so that you have your very own Christmas Star.

Any now a little treat. We are going to sing a song about stars.

And there we have it! We've learnt all about the stars, particularly Jesus's Star when he was born! Well done everyone, give yourselves a big round of applause!! Thank you so much for listening and taking part. I hope you enjoyed learning about the stars. Take care, God bless and Happy Christmas!