



WALKING BY THE WAY

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All You Shining Stars

 **Walk:** Head outside on a clear night for some star gazing. If possible, find a place where there's less light pollution. Take binoculars or a telescope, if available. Look for some familiar constellations and any planets visible.

 **Talk:** Read Psalm 148

1. As you read and listen, raise your hand when you hear the psalm refer to the sun, moon and stars. What are all these heavenly bodies meant to do along with the rest of creation? (Praise God!)
2. Verses 5-6 show us that God's Word creates and sustains these heavenly objects. How does this reminder help your family follow God?
3. This psalm takes us to the heights of heaven, where else does it take us in verses 7-9? Why do you think the psalmist takes us to these extreme ends of creation?
4. Where do you see people mentioned in these verses? What kinds of people are mentioned specifically? Why?
5. In the final verse it talks about a "horn" or way of salvation God provides for His people. How has God done that for you through His Son Jesus Christ?

Further study in the stars

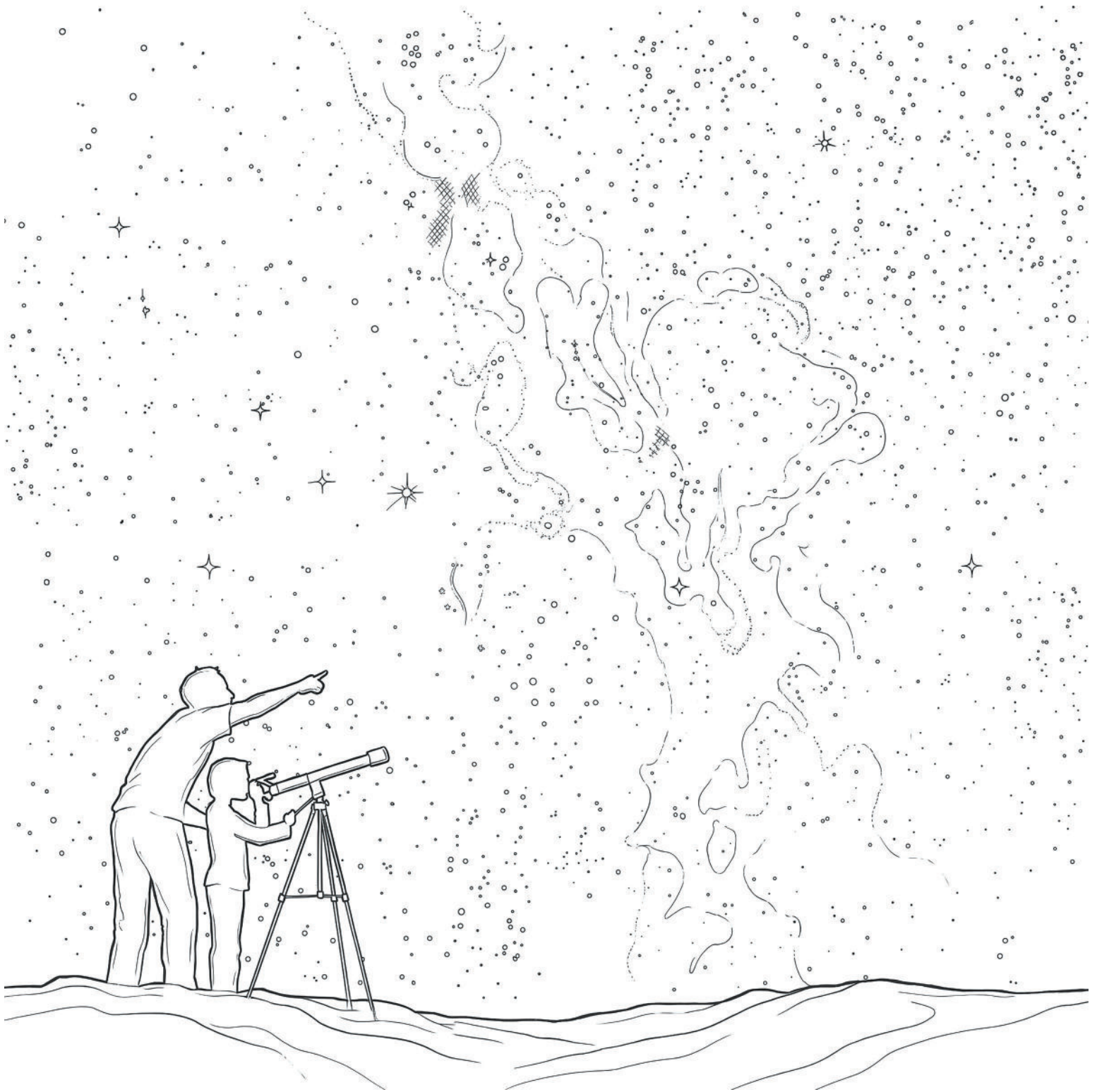
6. The sun, moon and stars praise God by simply doing what they were designed to do. What is their purpose according to Genesis 1:14-18? Can you think of any times in the Bible where God used stars for a special sign?
7. Take a moment to look at a recent telescope image of the universe. Then read Psalm 147:4 and what it says about each of the stars. WOW!
8. Now read Job 38:31-33. Which star constellations are mentioned? In these verses God asks Job several questions. What is the answer to all of them?
9. In Revelation 22:3-5 it tells us that one day there will no longer be a need for the sun, moon, and stars. Why?

 **Pray:** God, when we consider the stars in the sky we are reminded of our smallness in the universe, yet we are not insignificant in Your sight. This is amazing and a reminder of Your great love towards mankind including each one gathered here right now. Help us to respond in awe of You, in trust in You, in praise to You. Amen.

 **Sing:** How Great Thou Art

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PSALM 148



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