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The Stars



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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Read the title and talk about the picture on the cover.
- Ask: *What time of day is it? What do you think the children are doing?*
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

children went help it's
weekend stars clear night
moon sunbeds Dipper

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

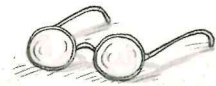
said there were
so little like Leo
lion done



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together. If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. *moonlight*.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover for more ideas.



The children were with Gran
for the weekend.



“Can we go and look at the stars?” said Chip.



“Yes,” said Gran. “It’s a clear night with no moon. Perfect!”



“We need the sunbeds,” said Gran.
“So we can look up at the stars.”



“Not sunbeds, Gran, starbeds!”
said Biff.



Gran and the children went up the hill. Floppy went, too.



They put the sunbeds down,
and looked at the star map.



“That’s the Big Dipper,” said Gran.
“It can help us find all the stars.”



“It looks like a cooking pot,”
said Kipper.



“Look, there it is!” said Chip.
“The Big Dipper.”



“And the bright stars there are the Twins,” said Gran.



“That’s Leo, the Lion,” said Gran.
“And this is the Little Dog.”



“Get off, Floppy!” said Biff.
“I can’t see.”



“I can see the Lion,” said Kipper.
“Well done, Kipper,” said Gran.



“There’s the Little Dog,” said Chip.



“And there’s the big dog!”
said Biff.

AFTER READING

- Look at page 5 and ask: *Why did Gran want to get the sunbeds? Why did Biff call them 'starbeds'?*
- Turn to page 15 and ask: *What was the Little Dog?*
- Turn to page 16 and ask: *Who was the big dog?*

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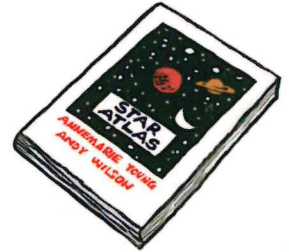
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