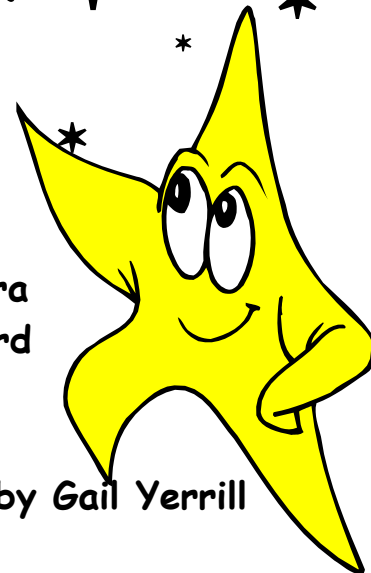


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Opening the Gift

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Wish Upon a Star



★ **WOW! Said the Owl** by Tim Hopgood
Night's Nice by Barbara and Ed Emberley
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star by Jane Cabrera
Forest Bright, Forest Night by Jennifer Ward
Wings Across the Moon by Linda Hargrove
Good Night, Sleep Tight by Mem Fox
Starry Night, Sleep Tight: a Bedtime Book of Lullabies by Gail Yerrill

Nursery Rhyme: Star Light, Star Bright

Songs & Fingerplays to Share

CD: "This Little Light of Mine" from *Yummy Yellow* by Eric Litwin & Michael Levine

A Tiny Little Star

There's a tiny little star
Way up in the sky,
(raise fist high)
A tiny little star,
Up so very high.
(raise fist even higher)

She twinkles brightly
Through the night,
(open fist and wiggle fingers)
But during the day
She's out of sight.
(hide hands behind back)

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All Through the Night

(tune: The Wheels on the Bus)

The wings on the bat go flap, flap, flap,
(flap arms)

Flap, flap, flap, flap flap, flap!
The wings on the bat go flap, flap, flap—
All through the night!

Suggested verses:

The legs on the spider go skitter, skitter, skitter
(wiggle fingers over arm)

The eyes on the owl go blink, blink, blink
(blink)

The wind through the trees goes
"woooo, woooo, woooo"
(move arms like branches)

The moon in the sky shines bright, bright, bright
(hold arms to make a circle)

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Sun, Moon, and Stars

Here is the sun; it's big and bright.
(arms over head to make sun)

And here is the moon, with its glowing light
(use hands to make a circle)

Here are the stars up in the sky,
(point upward)

Twinkling brightly way up high.
(flutter fingers)

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Counting Stars

(optional: place star stickers on fingertips)
One little star came out tonight,
It twinkled and twinkled with all of its might.

Two little stars came out tonight,
They twinkled and twinkled
with all of their might.

Continue with:
three, four & five little stars.
End with the children all holding up
their hands and wiggling them.

Thousands of stars came out tonight,
Twinkling, and twinkling a beautiful sight!

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Your next visit will be: January _____

Next month's theme will be: "Stomp, Stomp, ROOOAARRR!"



More Books to Share:

Dusk by Uri Shulevitz

Night Lights by Susan Gal

Our Stars by Anne Rockwell

Star Climbing by Lou Fancher

Little Owl's Night by Divya Srinivasan

Mommy's Little Star by Janet Bingham

Here Comes the Night by Anne Rockwell

Explore Night Science by Cindy Blobaum

The Stars Will Still Shine by Cynthia Rylant

Activity Ideas:

Creative Constellations:

- ★ Display and discuss pictures of simple constellations, such as the Big Dipper.
- ★ Give each of your children a piece of black paper and several star stickers.
- ★ Invite them to invent their own constellations by arranging their stars on their papers any way they wish and then joining the stars with a white crayon or chalk.
- ★ Encourage your children to make up names for their constellations.

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Owl Face Rice Cake Snack:

For each child provide: creamy peanut butter, 1 rice cake, 2 banana slices, 2 raisins, 6 Froot Loops or Cheerios, 1 cheese triangle. Instruct children to assemble their snack: Spread peanut butter on rice cake. Add banana slices for eyes, then top each with a raisin. Arrange cereal above eyes for eyebrows. Place cheese triangle below eyes for beak. Eat and enjoy!

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New Year's Art: At your easel, use noisemakers instead of brushes! Have the children dip the end of the noisemaker in a bit of paint, then blow into it so it splats on the paper. The children LOVE this and it is fun to see how each picture turns out!

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Book of the Month:



101 Great Gifts Kids Can Make by Stephanie R. Mueller and Ann E. Wheeler

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Children ages three to eight can make unique presents for moms, dads, grandparents, friends, teachers and all of the special people in their lives! Create a Made-It-Myself mouse pad personalized for Mom. Dad will love the peaceful chimes of his Terracotta Music Maker, and grandparents will be delighted with the Picture Puzzle. From the card to the wrapping paper, and everything in between, *101 Great Gifts Kids Can Make* has dozens of perfect gift ideas that will make gift-giving meaningful again!

Road to Reading Tip:

If you allow your child to watch television, talk about the shows that you watch together. You can also borrow DVDs from the library that will help your children understand scientific ideas as they are encountered. Listen as your child talks about what is happening. Add your own information and ideas. When you clarify and add information, you are supporting your child's acquisition of scientific knowledge. *Storytimes for Everyone* by Saroj Ghoting & Pamela Martin-Diaz



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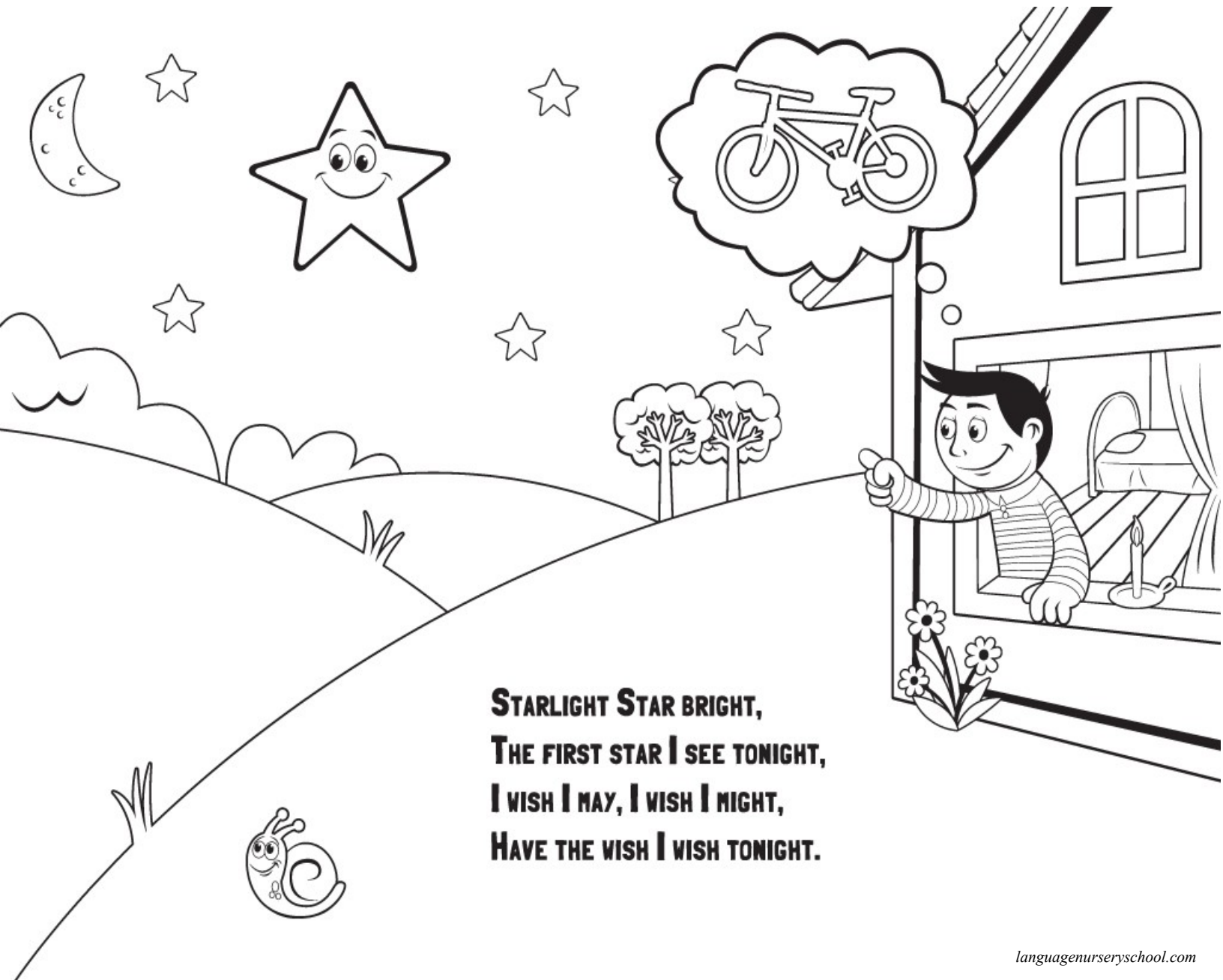
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**STARLIGHT STAR BRIGHT,
THE FIRST STAR I SEE TONIGHT,
I WISH I MAY, I WISH I NIGHT,
HAVE THE WISH I WISH TONIGHT.**

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EARLY LITERACY EXTRA! (WRITING)

When children practice writing letters and words to express their ideas, they learn about concepts of print, the different functions of print, the alphabet, and phonics.

Make a Wish Invite children to close their eyes and imagine seeing a star in the night sky. Ask them to think of a wish they would like to make; to help children come up with ideas ask questions such as, *What do you wish we could have for a snack? What do you wish you could play outside?* Give each child a large, precut star. Write children's names, or help them write their names on one side of their star. Encourage children to draw a picture of their wish on the other side. Children may want to dictate their wish for you to write. Track print as you read the dictation aloud.

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