



# GOD OF WONDERS

**DO:** Look at the night sky picture and try and guess how many stars might be on there. Now think about the entire universe! How many stars do you think might exist there?

Astronomers tell us that there are approximately 200 billion trillion stars in the universe! That number is SO big that we can't even imagine it!

**READ:** Psalm 147:4  
*He [God] decides how many stars there should be.  
He gives each one of them a name.*

**THINK:** WOW! God knows every single one of those stars by name! That's amazing. Here's what else is amazing - he knows YOU by name, too. You are precious to him and He loves you more than you could imagine.

**READ:** Isaiah 43:1  
*...He made you, and now he says, "Don't be afraid.  
I saved you. I named you. You are mine."*

**DO:** Add a star sticker to the sky to represent you.

**THINK:** Think about how big God is. Think about how amazing it is that God knows you so well and loves you so much.

**PRAY:** Thank God for his creation and especially the stars. Thank Him that he knows your name, that He knows everything about you, and that He loves you so much. Ask him to help you remember every single day how special you are to Him.



# TRANSFORMED

**READ:** Romans 12:2

*"Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect".*

**THINK:** Sometimes some of the attitudes, thinking, words, actions and reactions you see in our world don't match up with the way we know God wants us to live. We have to be very careful not to let ourselves copy those kinds of patterns, but rather to let God reshape us into people that follow HIS way of living.

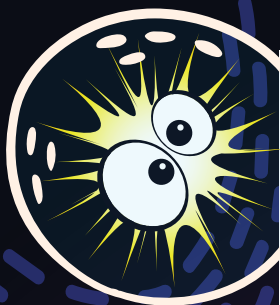
Think of an area in your life - maybe an attitude, or a way you speak, act or react - that doesn't really look as much like Jesus as it should.

**PRAY:** Ask Jesus to help you change that in your life, and to help you try to be more and more like him every day.

**DO:** Pick up one of the infinity cubes and change it into a new shape as you pray, representing your promise to let God change you into the person he wants you to be. Leave your new shape at the station for someone else to work with.



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# OUT OF THIS WORLD

## READ:

Read these words from the Bible, written in some letters to the church from Paul, a Christian teacher and a follower of Jesus, who spent his life trying to be as much like Jesus as he possibly could, and helping others to do that, too!

1 Corinthians 11:1

*Follow my example, just as I follow the example of Christ.*

Philippians 3:17

*Join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.*

## THINK:

God has given us others to help us live for Jesus - people who are good examples for us and show us how Jesus wants us to live, because they are walking with Him.

Think of someone in your life who helps you follow Jesus as you watch them live for Him.

## PRAY:

Thank God for that person and their example. Pray that they will continue staying close to Jesus and growing in their faith. Ask God to help you keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and also keep looking for examples to follow who are walking with Him.

## DO:

Colour a thank-you card for the person you prayed for, thanking them for being an “out-of-this-world” example for you as you follow Jesus. On the back, attach a galactic treat for them, and make sure you deliver it to them sometime after you leave SPARK!



# UPSIDE DOWN



Living for Jesus means letting him change the way we think and act. The way of thinking we see in our world is often upside down and backwards to how Jesus wants us to act.

**DO:** Choose a star from the pattern on the table. On the side facing up, write one way that the world sometimes wants you to think or act that is different to how Jesus wants you to be. Being impatient, using bad language, and not telling the truth are some of the attitudes and patterns of the world we live in.

**READ:** Romans 12:2  
*Don't live the way this world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed.*

Jesus wants us to let Him change our thought patterns and our attitudes to be like him.

**DO:** Flip your star over - you should see a change in colour. On the new colour, write the way that Jesus would want you to think or act that flips what you wrote on the first side. E.g.:

Putting yourself first → Thinking of others before yourself

Putting people down → Encouraging others

Reacting in anger → Being patient, being a peace maker

Now you have flipped your star, notice the new pattern that is forming on the table. Your thoughts and actions can change the world!

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you stay close to him, letting him change you into the person he wants you to be. Ask him to help you think and act like him.



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# PRAYER CONSTELLATIONS

**DO:** Pick up a constellation card. Add stars to the card to complete the constellation. As you stick each star on, pray for the people listed by that point on the constellation. Know that the God of the whole universe hears our individual prayers.

**PRAY:** For your family and your friends.

For your teachers and leaders.

For your neighbours and the people in your community.

For people you know or see in the world who need God's help right now.

For yourself and the needs you have in your own life.





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