



The Heavens Are Telling

The sky was like a canvas for the prophet Jeremiah, whose messages were painted in sad colours, like clouds in a dark and stormy sky.

Jeremiah 4:23-28

(a paraphrase)

**The heavens are telling
the sadness of God.
The skies are telling
the wrong things we've done.**

I looked at the earth, and it was like a wasteland.

I looked at the heavens, and there was no light.

I looked at the mountains, and they were shaking.

I looked all around, and the world was empty...

no people, no animals, not even any birds.

I looked at the gardens, and they were like deserts.

I looked at the cities, and they were in ruins.

The whole sky was black.

The whole earth was bleak.

**The heavens are telling
the sadness of God.
The skies are telling
the wrong things we've done.**

The sky was like a book for the person who wrote Psalm 19 and the sun and stars were like words written, telling people about the wonders of God.

Psalm 19:1-6

(a paraphrase)

**The heavens are telling
the wonders of God.
The skies are telling
all that God has done.**

Each day announces to the next day:

"God is amazing!"

Each night passes on the same news.

They do this without words.

We can't hear them speaking.

But the message, "God is amazing!"

goes out to the whole world.

The sun shines in the sky, warm and joyful,
like a person on their wedding day.

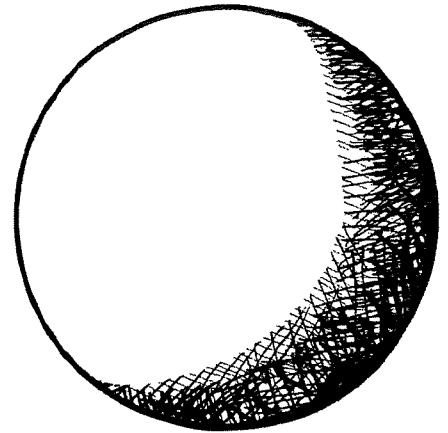
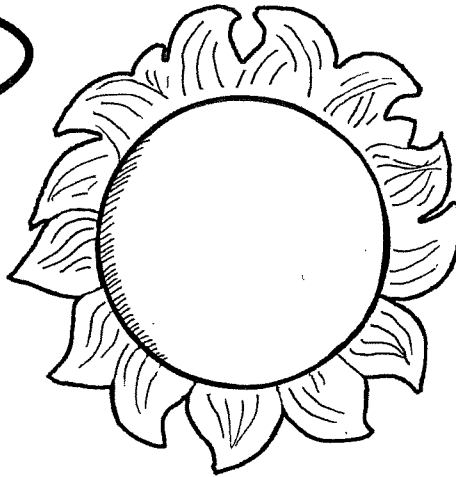
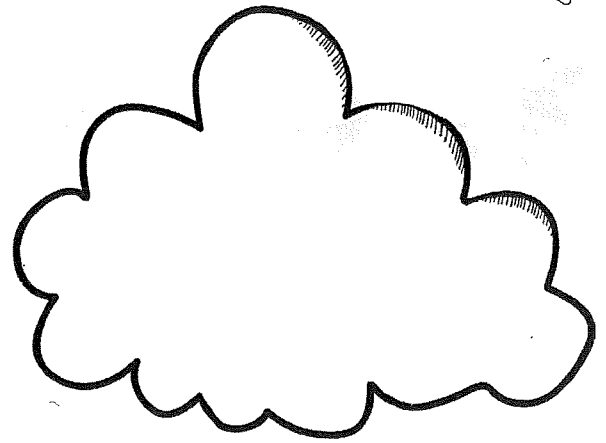
The sun shines in the sky, strong and sure,
like an athlete running a race.

The sun travels across the great wide sky,
from one end of the heavens to the other.

**The heavens are telling
the wonders of God.
The skies are telling
all that God has done.**



SKY Mobile



God's love shines around us!
God's love shines through us!

Instructions

1. Fold paper plate in half, glue on the phrase strip, and decorate with markers, foam shapes, and stickers.
2. Use a hole punch to make four small holes along the fold.
3. Use the patterns to cut shapes from different colours of construction paper.
4. Decorate the shapes and use the hole punch to make a hole in the top of each one.
5. Attach shapes to the folded plate by tying one end of a length of yarn through a hole on the plate and tying the other end of the yarn to a shape.
6. Add another hole at the top of the "mobile" and thread through this a loop of yarn as a hanger.



Rainmakers

Making a Rainstick

You will need:

- long cardboard tube from paper products
- fabric pieces
- elastic bands
- art supplies
- small pebbles or gravel or plastic beads

Instructions:

1. Decorate a long cardboard tube using the art supplies to draw images from the sky (illus. 1).
2. Cut out two circles of fabric that are larger than the ends of the tube (illus. 2).
3. Attach one of the circles to one end of the tube using an elastic band (illus. 3).
4. Put a small handful of pebbles, gravel, or beads in the tube.
5. Attach the second circle of fabric with an elastic band onto the other end to seal the tube (illus. 4).

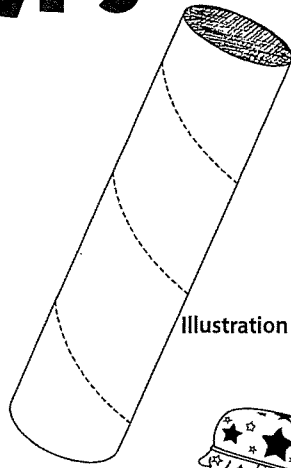


Illustration 1

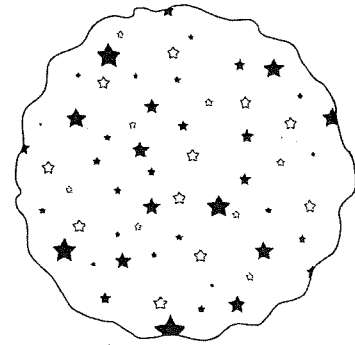


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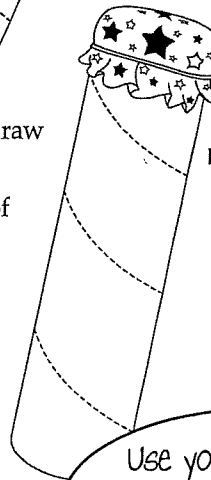


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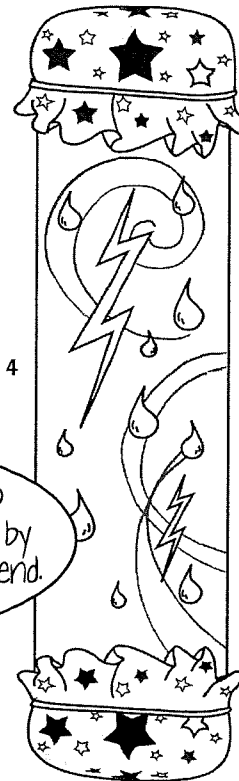


Illustration 4

Use your rainstick to celebrate stormy skies by turning it slowly end-to-end.

Making rain

You can experience the sound of a storm without even getting wet!
Here's how:

A storm builds...

The rain starts quietly (*rub the palms of your hands together gently*).

It builds up a bit (*snap your fingers*).

Then it really gets going (*clap your hands together quickly*).

Finally, the storm is really pounding (*slap your thighs*).

The storm passes...

When you're ready for the storm to pass, reverse these directions.

(Hint: This is fun to do by yourself or with a group!)