

# THE SKY

Brainstorm everything you know about the sky and space, including the atmosphere and how it functions together with the space beyond it.

Look up some fun and fascinating facts.

List as many Bible stories as you can recall that feature the sky/heaven. Read a selection of verses and ponder God's use of this theme:

Genesis 7:11, 8:2  
Exodus 9:22-23, 16:4  
Deut 28:12  
Psalm 78:23-26  
Jeremiah 10:12-13  
Malachi 3:10  
Luke 3:21-22, 24:51  
Acts 1:9-11, 2:19

Explore this Hebrew word for sky (expanse):  
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Can you think of any fictional stories that take place either in our sky or beyond that in outer space? How is each typically portrayed?

How would "sky" or "heavens" have been seen and interpreted differently before we had telescopes?

The Hebrew word "expanse" is only in 4 Bible passages. Read those verses and ponder them knowing that Jesus would come into the expanse to bridge the divide between man & God.

Gen 1:6-8, 1:14-20, Psalm 19:1, 150:1  
Ezekiel 1:22-26, 10:1, Daniel 12:3

Take some time to reflect on all you've learned.  
How does the sky and/or expanse illustrate God's living story?  
Have you made any new discoveries?

## ENGAGE IN WONDER

How does the sky illustrate God's living story? Reflect on all you've learned.

Here are some additional questions to ignite your curiosity and imagination:

- Can you imagine what the sky/space would have looked like before "light came into the expanse"?
- Ponder things in Scripture and creation that ascend vs. descend.
- God knew what generations would see when they looked up at the sky, long before we had telescopes. Do you think he created in a way that would provide understanding to the people then & amaze us as we grew in technology?
- Why do you think God created a physical expanse that is infinitely big?
- Our atmosphere provides us with the oxygen we need as well as insulates and protects us from harm. How does this show God's love and care for us?