



Craft Activity

Theme: Shapes - Star

Intro: A star is a closed shape consisting of 3 or more points. The most common star shape is called a Pentagram because it has 5 points.

Craft activity: Twinkle Stars

Children will need: Paddle pop stick, Yellow card, Sticky Tape, Glue, Glitter, pencil, scissors.

Instructions:

Trace a star template (attached) onto the yellow card and cut out. Make your star sparkly using the glue and glitter. Tape a paddle pop stick to the back of your star. Your star is ready to twinkle!

Extension Idea: See how many stars you can count in the sky at night. Count the points on the star you've made. Make star shaped biscuits.

Fact: The stars in the sky are bigger than the Sun. The brightest star known to scientists was a Supernova.



Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners.

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Crystal Stars

You will need: Popsticks, string, pipe cleaners, Epsom Salts, water, small bowl/jar.

Instructions: With adult help, shape a pipe cleaner into a star. Tie one end of a piece of string to a popstick and the other end to the pipe cleaner. Mix ½ cup of Epsom salts and ½ cup water in the jar or bowl until no more salts can be dissolved. Place the star pipe cleaner into the salt solution and place the popstick across the top of the jar/bowl. Watch what happens over the next few hours and even days.

Outside Activity: Star shaped biscuit cutter painting

You will need: Card or paper, paint, star shaped biscuit cutters, small plastic plates

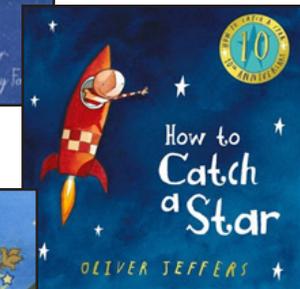
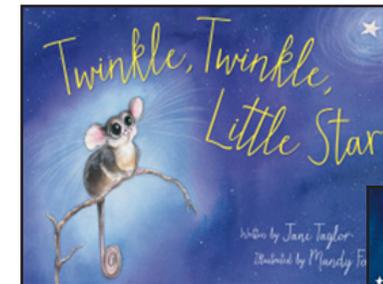
Instructions: Place some coloured paints onto the small plastic plates. Provide children with biscuit cutters to dip into the paint. Children will use their creativity and imagination to create their own star paintings.

Group time ideas:

What objects can children name that are star-shaped? (Star, Starfish, Star fruit, snowflake, autumn leaves)

Make a chandelier of paper stars to hang up.

Make a group night sky collage using black paper and coloured star stickers.



Book Suggestions:

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star by Jane Taylor

How to catch a star by Oliver Jeffers

Reach for the stars by Kevin Fleming



Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.

When the blazing sun is gone
When he nothing shines upon
Then you show your little light
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night
Twinkle, twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are

A Christmas Star

Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It

Oh, I wish I was a sparkling Christmas star
Oh, I wish I was a sparkling Christmas star
Then my light would shine it's true
To guide Santa straight to you
Oh, I wish I was a sparkling Christmas star

STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT

Starlight, star bright, first star I see tonight.
Wish I may, wish I might, have the wish I wish
tonight.

