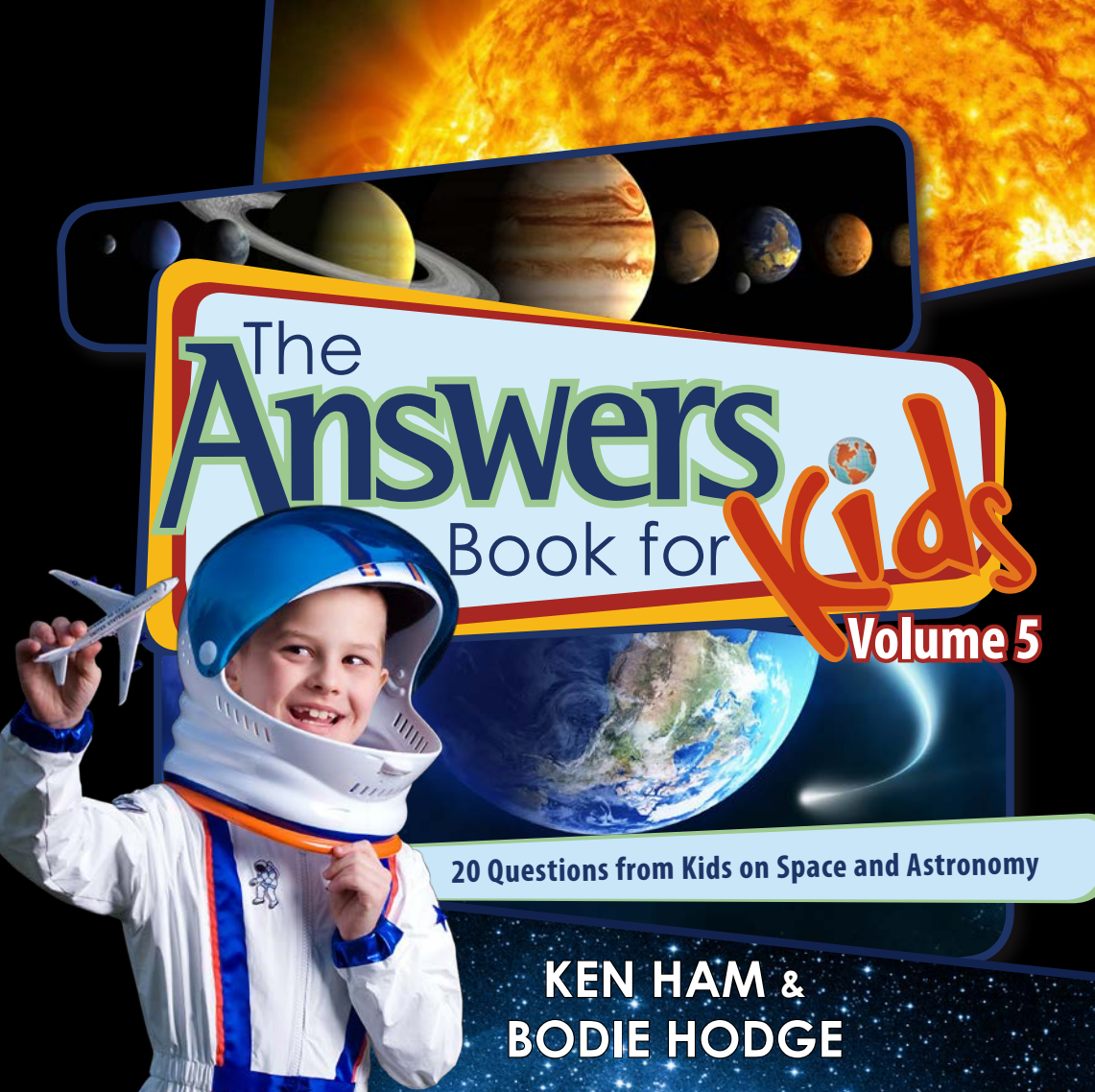




The Answers Book for Kids

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20 Questions from Kids on Space and Astronomy

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When you see this icon, there will be related Scripture references noted for parents to use in answering their children's, and even their own, questions.



Dear Kids,

We hope this book will help answer some of your questions about space and astronomy. We pray that you understand that the Bible is true and that it explains the universe that we live in.

We see many sad things happening in our world. And we all do bad things, too. This is because of sin. Because Adam, our mutual grandfather (about 6,000 years ago), sinned against God and ruined the perfect world God originally created, we suffer and die due to sin, too.

But God provided a means to save us from sin and death. He sent His Son Jesus into the world to become a man and die on our behalf. Christ died on the Cross, but He also rose again (came back to life). If we repent (feel sorry and turn from our sin) and believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and in His Resurrection, we too will be saved and get to spend all eternity with God in heaven with all of His goodness. Please read these Scriptures in the order given:

Genesis 1:1, 1:31, 3:17–19; Romans 5:12, 3:23, 6:23, 10:9, 5:1



God bless you.

Ken and Bodie

A composite image featuring a child in a white space suit with blue and orange accents, holding a white toy airplane. The child is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a dark space scene with several celestial bodies: a large yellow planet with prominent rings (Saturn) in the upper right, a blue planet (Jupiter) in the upper left, and a grey, cratered planet (Mars) in the center. A blue speech bubble with a white border contains the text "Question: What day were the planets created?". To the right of the speech bubble, the name "Kyle" is written in a cursive font. Below the name, a green horizontal bar contains the text "Age 6".

Question: *What day were the planets created?*

Kyle

Age 6

Answer:

God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth (Genesis 1:17).

According to God's Word, bodies out in space, like the sun, moon, and stars, were created on day 4 of the creation week. This is found in Genesis 1:14–19.

God called the sun, the greater light — and it dominates the day. God called the moon, the lesser light — and it dominates the night. Genesis 1:16 says, "He [God] made the stars also." The word that we translate "stars" also includes planets, comets, asteroids, and so on.



Many people incorrectly guess that the solar system and the planets formed from a spinning and collapsing nebula (a cloud of gas and dust) with the sun at the center and the planets, asteroids, and so on at various distances. This has never been observed or repeated; it is just a story to try to explain the universe without God.

God, who knows all things and who was there at the beginning, revealed in His Word that He was responsible for creating the sun, moon, and stars (including the planets). Be careful about the stories that man tells, especially when they disagree with God's Word. "It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man" (Psalm 118:8).

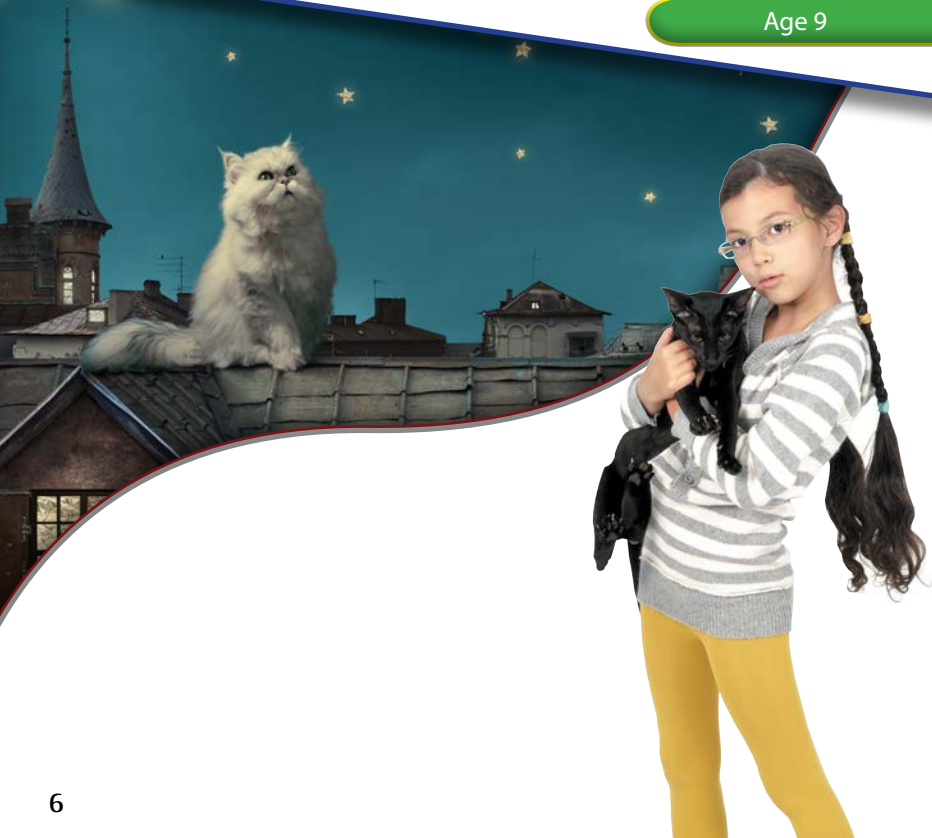
Romans 11:36



Question: *What is the purpose of stars?*

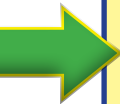
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Age 9



Answer:

The stars actually have several purposes besides the obvious signs and seasons (Genesis 1:14). Here are a few others:



To give light: There are a number of purposes for the stars. One purpose was to give light on the earth (Genesis 1:17). They don't give much light to the earth, like the sun or even the moon does (by reflecting the sun's light to earth), but they do give *enough*. On a dark and clear night, when the moon is not out (called a "new moon"), ask your parents to go outside with you so you can see how much light the stars give on the earth.

For comparison: Another purpose for the stars is comparison. If you look up at the night sky, there are many stars. If you used a telescope, you'd almost see more stars than you could imagine! In Genesis 15:5, God told Abraham to look to the sky and number the stars, if he was able to. Then God said to Abraham that his offspring would be just as numerous as the stars! Wow!

To declare the glory of God: According to the Psalms, the heavens and God's handiwork in them declare the glory of God. At the Creation Museum, we have several planetarium shows, and one takes a look at the size of the universe. It is immense with stars and galaxies (massive clusters of stars). When our guests leave that show after viewing the heavens — the stars, nebulae, and everything else — they usually give the glory to God!

*Genesis 1:17; Psalm 136:9; Genesis 15:5;
Deuteronomy 10:22; Psalm 19:1*

