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Meeting the stars

Pre-reading question

What do you think 'meeting the stars' means?

New words

camping – We slept in a tent when we went camping.

comfort – When I am afraid or sad, my dad comforts me and makes me feel better.

Luke and his dad went camping for the weekend. They spent the day fishing. They found a good place to set up their camp.



provide – The Sun gives us light and provides heat.

shooting star – The shooting star looked like a bright streak of light in the sky.

gently – The boy handles his dog gently to keep it safe from harm.

They found wood to make a fire. As the sun set, Luke began to feel scared of the dark. His dad tried to comfort him, but he was still afraid.



“The stars will provide light for us through the night,” Dad said. “Look how beautiful nature is – those sparkles are breathtaking.”

Luke sighed, “Wow! Amazing!”
They are all over the sky.



“One ... two ... three...” Luke was counting softly and slowly.

“Stop, Luke. What are you doing?” his dad asked laughing. “There are more stars in the sky than people in the world!”





“Why can’t we see stars during the day, Dad?” Luke asked.

“The biggest star is the Sun,” said Dad.

“It shines so brightly during the day that we can’t see the stars. We can only see them when it’s dark.”

As they were talking, Dad saw a shooting star.

Luke closed his eyes and whispered something.



Luke and his dad spent the night talking more about stars. After a while, Luke fell asleep. His dad gently carried him to their tent.



Post-reading questions

1. What was Luke afraid of?
2. Why did Dad laugh at Luke for counting the stars?
3. What wish would you make if you saw a shooting star?

The Blind Wonder

Pre-reading question

Look at the title and the picture on this page.
What is the story about?

New words

blind – My blind friend reads books written in Braille.

scraps – Pigs love to eat all kinds of kitchen scraps.

manure – The cow manure makes the vegetables grow big and strong.

untangles – She needs to comb and comb her hair to untangle it.

guide – I sometimes guide my blind friend when we walk around town.

Lucy is lucky to live on a farm because she loves animals.



Lucy was born blind, so she cannot see the farm animals around her. But she can see very well in her dreams. She dreams of becoming a farmer.



Lucy wakes up in the early morning to feed the animals on the farm. She makes sure the pigs have enough water. They often splash around in it and the ground around them becomes muddy. She also makes sure that the pigs and goats get the scraps of food from the kitchen.



spl splash

scr scraps

Lucy collects grass and stores it under a shelter for the cows. She cleans the kraal and the stables. Lucy and her grandmother spread the cow dung out to dry, so it becomes manure. She uses the manure to mix into the soil.

