

Stella's April Bonus

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of coloring pages and activities!



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APRIL

Reading Habit Tracker

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Quote of the Month

heavens



Proclaim

That gives me

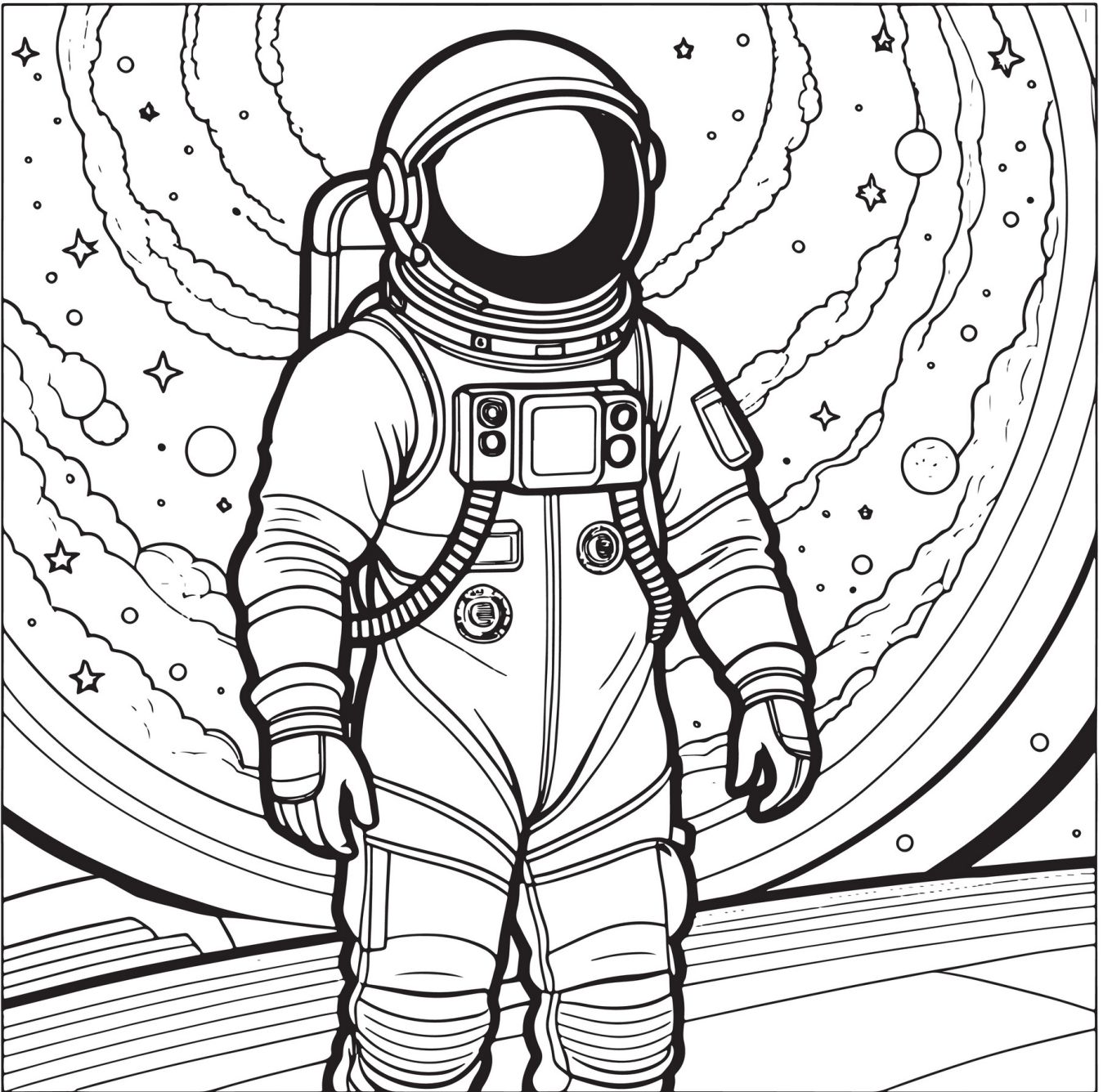


an IDEA!



What are they thinking? Add your caption!

JUST IMAGINE!

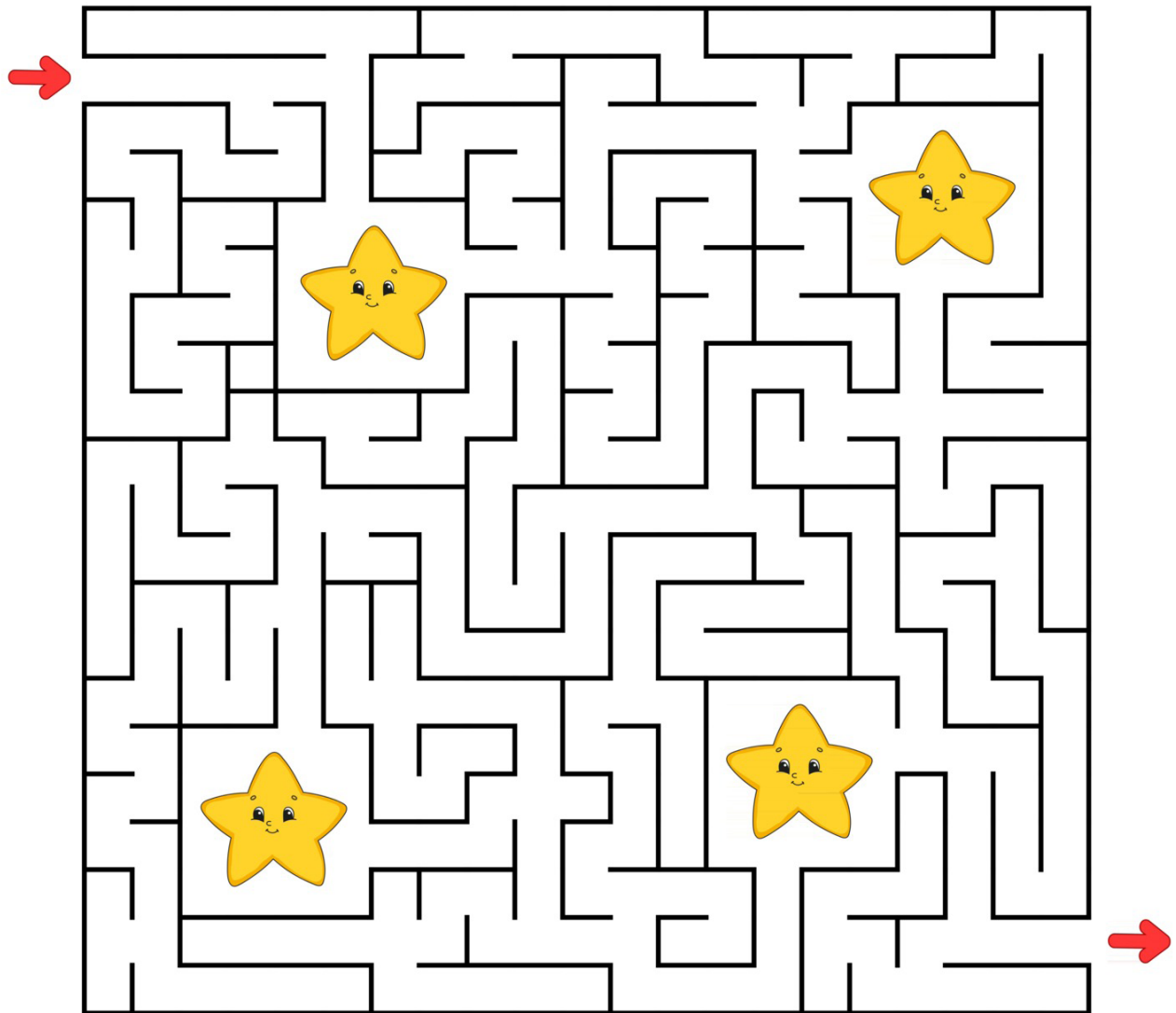




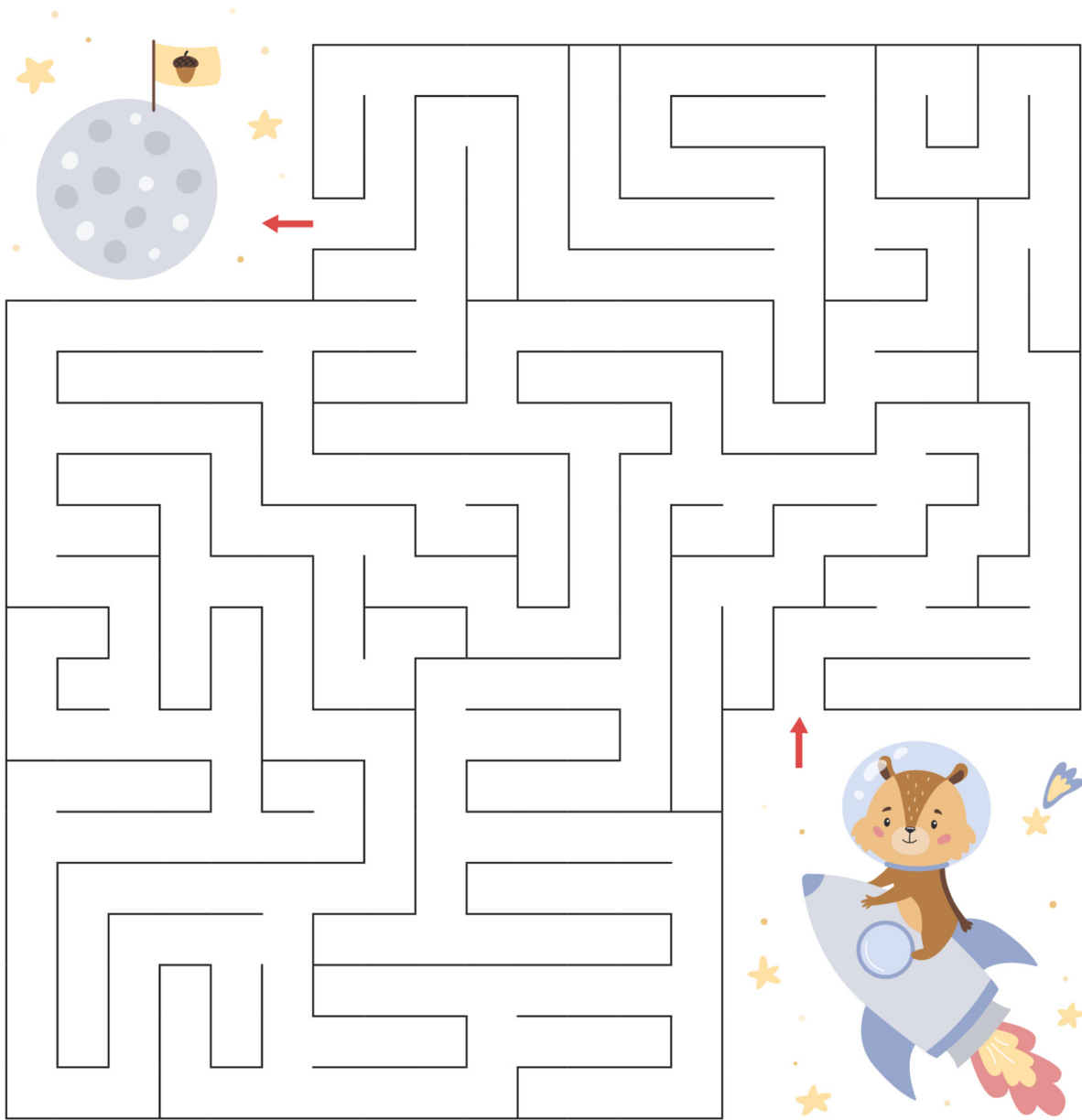
You, O Lord,
are a shield
around me;
you are my
glory, the one
who holds
my head high.



A stargazing maze!

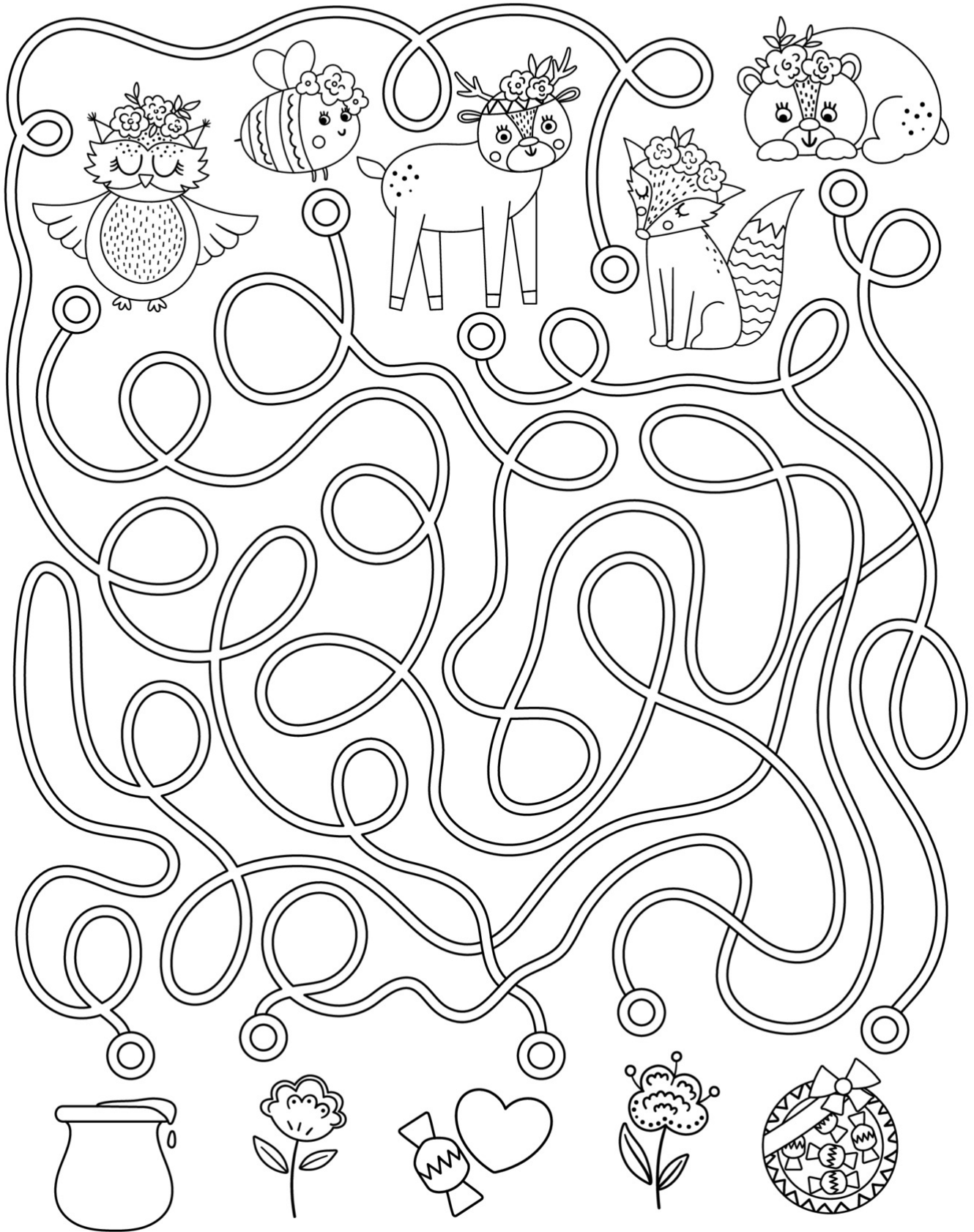


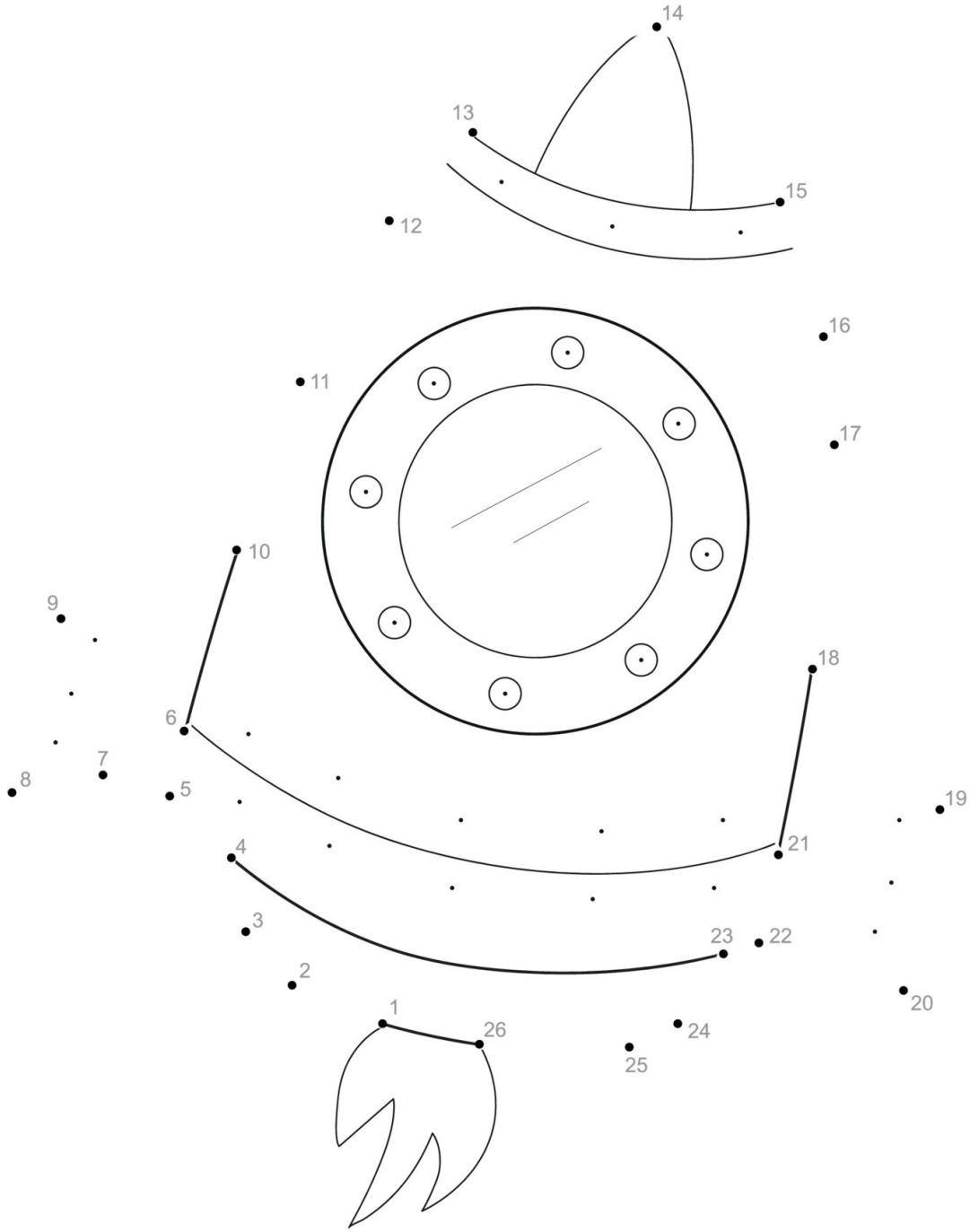
Where did our chipmunk friend
leave his acorn?





WHOSE PRESENT?







LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING
A SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Katherine Davis
1892-1980

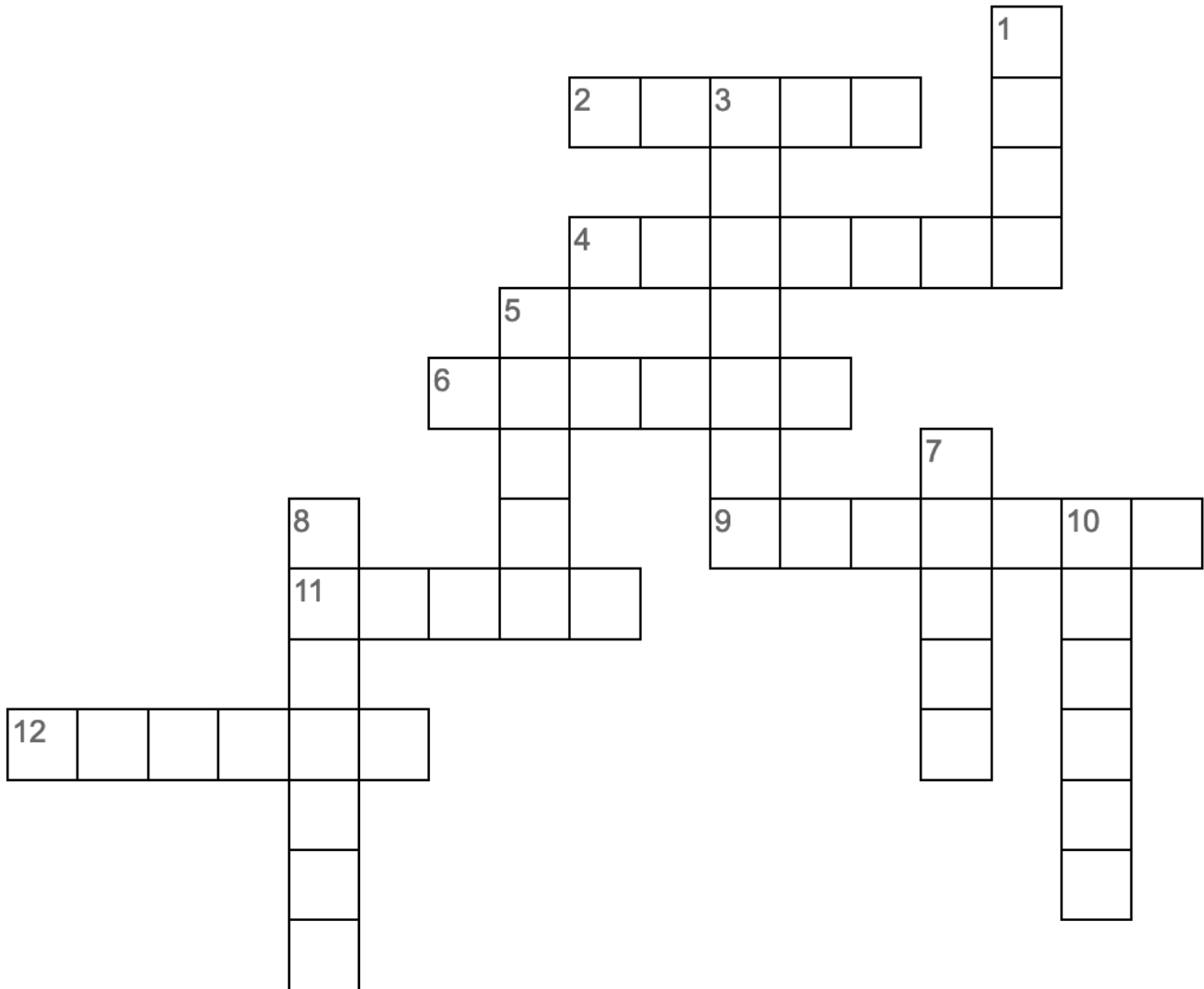
Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.

His banners are o'er us,
His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law He enforces: the stars in their courses,
The sun in His orbit, obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine,
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration a song let us raise,
'Til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

Song Crossword

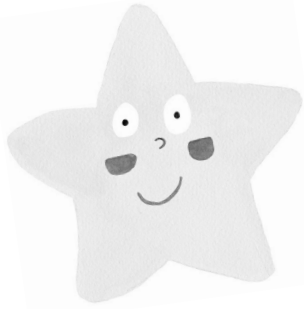


Across

- 2 Opposite of dark
- 4 Another way to say TELLING
- 6 Similar to a flag
- 9 Most high
- 11 Ribbon-like flowing body of water
- 12 Column or upright structure

Down

- 1 Words put to music
- 3 Old fashioned form of GUIDE
- 5 To put above
- 7 What the sun does
- 8 God the _____
- 10 Silhouette casuded by blocking of light



LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

Word Search #1

Words can be found in **any** direction and can share letters as they cross over each other.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CREATOR | <input type="checkbox"/> RAISE | <input type="checkbox"/> FIRE | <input type="checkbox"/> SHADOWS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HOSANNA | <input type="checkbox"/> SHINING | <input type="checkbox"/> LOVE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENFORCES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ORBIT | <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHT | <input type="checkbox"/> UNITE | <input type="checkbox"/> PROCLAIM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PILLAR | <input type="checkbox"/> REJOICING | <input type="checkbox"/> SUN | <input type="checkbox"/> PROTECTED |



LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

Word Search #2

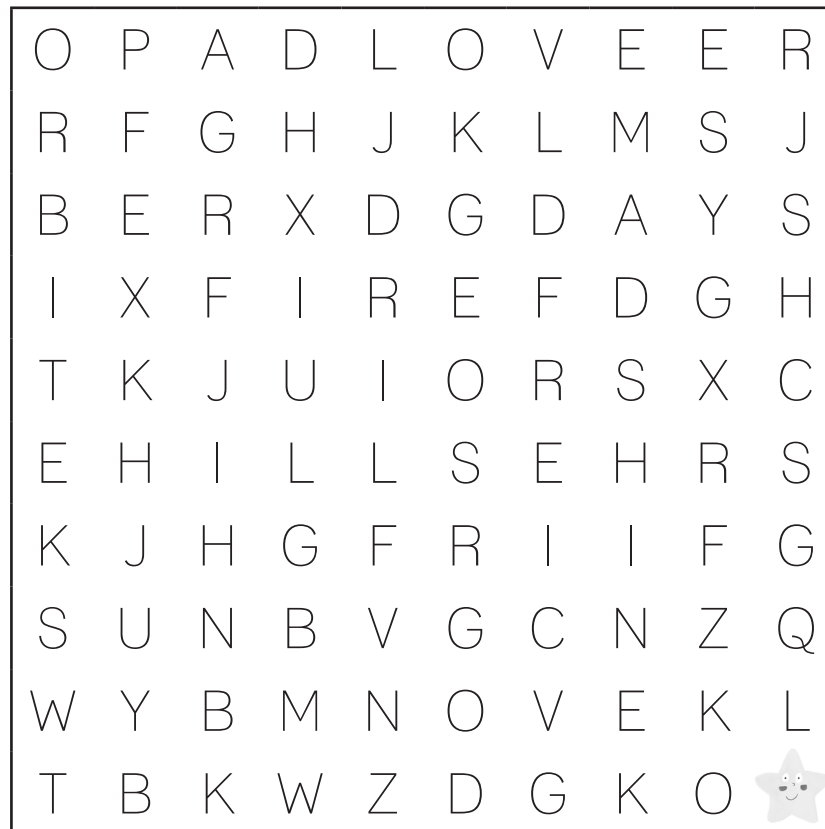
Words can be found in either
left to right or top going down.

L E F T

D
O
W
N

- SUN
- FIRE
- GOD
- ORBIT

- LOVE
- DAYS
- SHINE
- HILLS



The Heavens Declare

Psalm 19.1 NLT

The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship.

On April 8, 2024, Earth will witness a total solar eclipse. The last time we experienced one in the United States was in 2017. This time the total solar eclipse will be visible at various times in several states of the United States between 2:00 EDT and 5:00 EDT. Get your parents to check online at NASA for the cities and times.

Very limited areas near several U.S. cities will experience the total solar eclipse. Other areas north and south of them will experience a partial solar eclipse. What's the difference?

A total solar eclipse means that the moon's shadow covers 100% of the sun. Only the sun's corona will be visible. That means that (in the middle of the afternoon) it will go from daylight to total darkness in about 90 seconds. A few minutes later it will slowly become daylight again.

To experience the total or partial solar eclipse you will need AN ADULT'S HELP AND SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR. This is super important so you don't injure your eyes. Talk to your parent, caregiver, or teacher about it.

What makes an eclipse so special? First, it's AMAZING to see. Secondly, it's very complex. The sun, the moon, and the Earth must all line up perfectly while they spin and travel through space. Also, the moon must be exactly the right distance from the sun in order for it to make a shadow large enough to cover the entire sun.

So, guess who engineered solar eclipses. Who designed the universe so that this amazing thing can happen again and again? Who designed our eyes so that we can see and enjoy eclipses? Who is the Great Designer of everything we know of?

You guessed it! GOD is.

Wonders like solar eclipses should remind us to worship God, praise Him, and give our lives to Him and Jesus. Romans 1:20 tells us this. Such wonderful things in creation point us to our Creator. They should move us in our hearts and spirits to awe and wonder at God's power, strength, creativity, beauty, and love.

Look up into the starry sky tonight. Look hard! Do you see the work of God there? He crafted each star and named it. He created the moon and planets you will see in the night sky. Join them in singing and shouting praise to God tonight!

Psalm 8:3-4 NLT says *"When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—the moon and the stars you set in place—what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?"*

This same God also created you and me. Each one of us is special to Him. Why shouldn't we praise Him like the heavenly bodies do?

On April 8 as you think about this solar eclipse remember that it points us to its Creator, our Savior and God, who made it possible.

Read aloud Psalm 19:1-6. That will give praise and honor and worship to God, too.

HAPPY SKY WATCHING, StarLighters. The heavens declare the glory of God!

Psalm 19:1-6

For the choir director: A psalm of David.

The heavens proclaim the glory of God.
The skies display his craftsmanship.

Day after day they continue to speak;
night after night they make him known.

They speak without a sound or word;
their voice is never heard.

Yet their message has gone throughout the earth,
and their words to all the world.

God has made a home in the heavens for the sun.

It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding.
It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race.

The sun rises at one end of the heavens
and follows its course to the other end.
Nothing can hide from its heat.

READY, SET, ECLIPSE!

by Cindy Lynn Sawyer

Circle April 8 on your calendar because the sky is putting on an amazing show! It's called a Total Solar Eclipse and it's the perfect opportunity to host a watch party.

God perfectly placed the Sun, Earth, and Moon into our solar system. Sometimes the Moon moves between the Sun and the Earth, casting a giant shadow on the world. Kind of like taking a flashlight and making finger shadows on the wall. Only much bigger.

Total solar eclipses, where the Moon covers the whole Sun, only happen once every 18 months. But why is this so cool? Because even though it's the middle of the day, the total solar eclipse can make it look and feel like nighttime. In fact, you might even see stars. And even though it may feel like bedtime, by the time you're finished yawning, the Sun will start to peek out again.

But here's something else you need to know. If you're right where the eclipse is happening, you'll see the sun totally disappear for a bit. If you're not in that special spot, don't worry—you can still see some of the sun hide, just not all of it.

This is definitely an event you want to celebrate. But how do you plan your own watch party?

First, there's one very important rule you must follow. Never look directly at the Sun. Wondering how to watch an eclipse if you can't look at the Sun? Here are some great ways that everyone at your party can watch the eclipse safely.

1. Super Shades. Get some "eclipse glasses" that are made just for looking at the Sun. They're like superhero masks for your eyes! They can be purchased online. Just make sure to get a pair that says "ISO certified."
2. Lights, Camera, Action! You can make a simple pinhole projector at home. They're easy to make and will keep your peepers completely safe. Check out the next page for instructions.
3. Couch-Side Cosmic Adventure. Many scientists and explorers will be streaming the eclipse online and you can watch it safely on your computer or TV. A little research ahead of time will have you ready to go before the great event.

Want to add a little more excitement? Roll out some eclipse-themed snacks and other fun activities for your watch party. Aside from viewing the actual eclipse, that is. Check out the following pages for a list of fun ideas to get you started.

ACTIVITIES

PINHOLE PROJECTOR

Collect:

- A long box (a shoe box or cereal box works great)
- A piece of white paper
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Scissors
- A small pin or needle

Create:

1. Cut a piece of white paper to fit inside one end of the box.
2. Place the paper to fit inside one end of the box. Tape if necessary. This is the screen where you will see the Sun!
3. Next, cut two holes at the other end of the box, on opposite sides.
4. Take a piece of aluminum foil and tape it over the one of the holes you just cut. Make sure the foil is nice and smooth.
5. Now, use a pin or needle to poke a teeny-tiny hole in the middle of the aluminum foil. Be careful; you only need a tiny hole!

How to Use It:

- Stand with your back to the Sun. Hold the box so the foil end is facing the Sun.
- Look into the uncovered hole to view your paper screen. You'll see a small circle of light—that's the Sun!
- During the eclipse, you'll see this little circle of light change as the Moon passes by the Sun.

ECLIPSE VIEWFINDER

Collect:

- Potato chips in a paperboard canister
- Tack
- Scissors
- Piece of white paper

Create:

1. Dump chips into a bowl and use them as snacks at your watch party.
2. Clean out the canister.
3. Using the plastic lid, trace a circle on the white paper.
4. Cut out the circle.
5. Stick the circle inside of the lid and place it back onto the canister.
6. Cut a rectangle from the top of the canister about 1" wide and 3" long.
7. Place the lid on the canister.
8. Using a tack, poke a hole in the metal bottom of the canister.
9. Face the metal side of the can toward the Sun.
10. View the Sun on the paper through the rectangle opening.

SHADOW FUN

Collect:

- Flashlight
- Items to help create shadows, such as paper, pipe cleaners, and blocks or Legos.

Create:

1. Cut or tear paper into shapes.
 2. Build shapes or buildings out of blocks.
 3. Make animals, people, or other designs from pipe cleaners
 4. Darken the room and cast shadows from your creations by shining light on them.
- Watch how their shadows appear on the wall or the space around them.
 - For extra fun, use your fingers to create some moving shadows on the wall.

Resources for “Plan a Solar Eclipse Watch Party” Article and Activities

- Information on safest solar glasses from NASA: science.nasa.gov/eclipses/safety/
- Pinhole Projector Resource: svs.gsfc.nasa.gov/12638
- Pinhole Viewfinder: youtube.com/watch?v=cMS9YcEWpsw

SNACKS

ECLIPSE COOKIES

Collect:

- Chocolate Sandwich Cookies
- Plain round sugar cookies, slightly larger than the Oreos
- Frosting

Create:

Use the frosting to “glue” an Oreo in the center of the round sugar cookies. The Oreo represents the Moon and the sugar cookie is the Sun peeking around the edge.

GALAXY PUNCH

Collect:

- Berry Blue Typhoon Hawaiian Punch, chilled
- Sprite, chilled
- Rainbow Sherbet
- Star-Shaped Ice Cube Trays or Reusable Star Ice Cubes, optional

Create:

1. Mix one part Hawaiian Punch with one part Sprite
2. Add star-shaped ice cubes, if desired.
3. Top with Rainbow Sherbet

OUT OF THIS WORLD FINGER FOODS

Collect:

- A Variety of Fruit, Meats, and Cheeses that can be easily cut with a cookie cutter
- Star, Sun, and Moon Cookie Cutters

Create:

1. Cut food items with cookie cutters.
2. Arrange them on tray or charcuterie board.
3. Feel free to add tomatoes, berries, and grapes for variety.

MOON BITES

Collect:

- 1 - 8 oz. pkg cream cheese, softened
- 36 Chocolate Sandwich Cookies
- 4 pkgs of 4 oz white baking chocolate
- Wax Paper

Create:

1. Crunch cookies into fine crumbs.
2. Mix cream cheese and cookie crumbs together.
3. Shape into 1" balls.
4. Freeze for 10 minutes.
5. In the meantime, melt white baking chocolate.
6. Remove balls from freezer and dip into melted chocolate.
7. Place on wax paper-lined pan on cookie sheet.
8. Refrigerate for 1 hour until firm.

RIDDLES



RIDDLE #1

I'm a celestial show, a sight to adore,
When the moon steps in and blocks the sun's roar.
In daytime's bright sky, I cast a dark veil,
A cosmic ballet, a wondrous unveil.

Though I may seem like a shadowy fright,
I'm just a dance of the sun and moon's light.
When day turns to night in a moment's sweep,
Tell me, dear friend, what am I? Take a leap!

RIDDLE #2

In your mind, I spark and gleam,
Like a star in a nighttime dream.
A light bulb moment, shining bright,
I come to you in broad daylight.

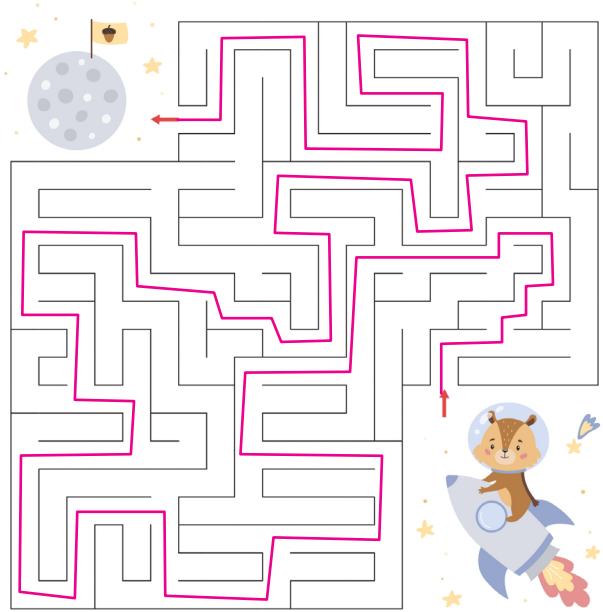
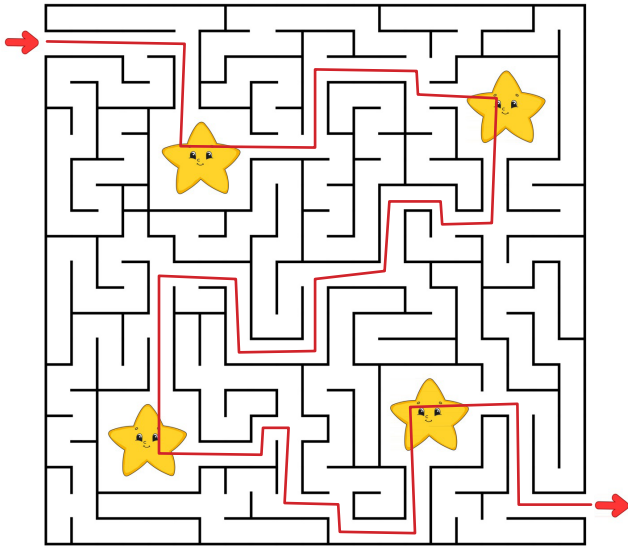
I'm not a toy or a pet to pet,
But when you get me, you won't forget.
I'm the seed of thought that starts to grow,
In your imagination, I'll surely show.

What am I that makes your brain feel light,
And, shine so bright!

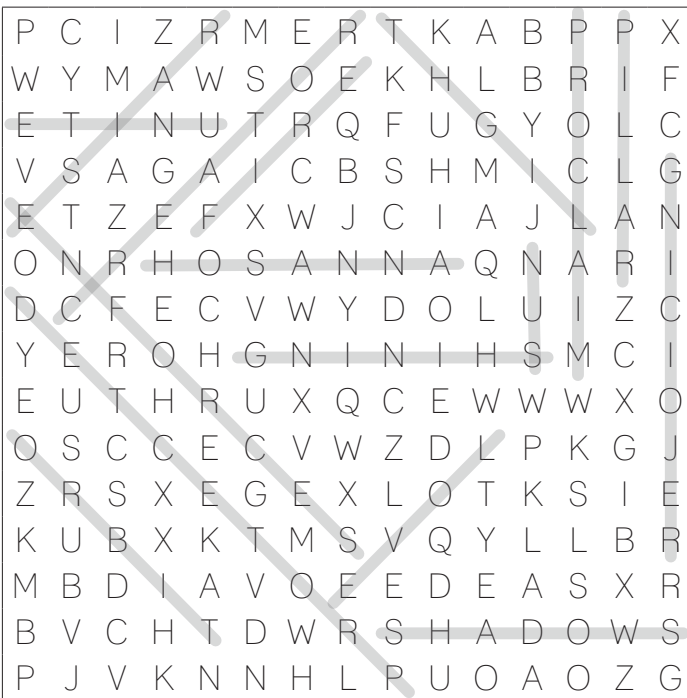
Puzzle Solutions

RIDDLES

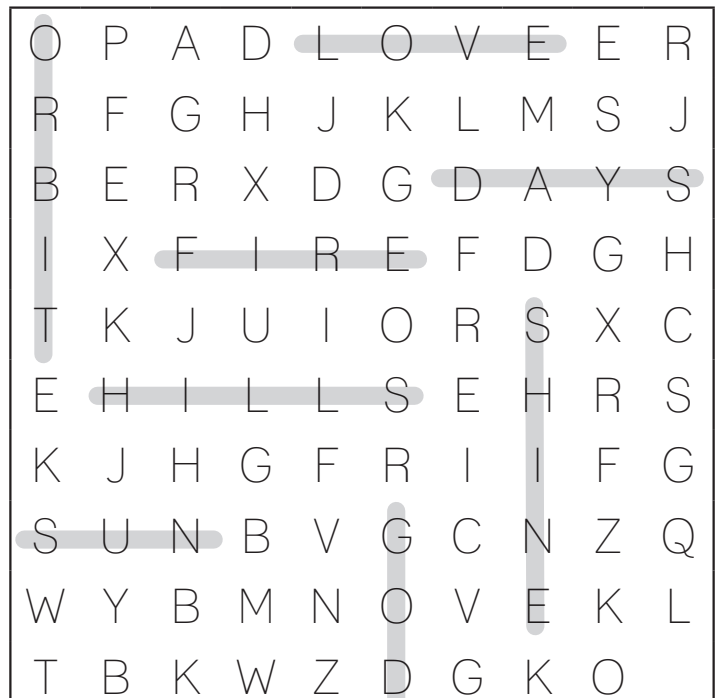
#1 solar eclipse
#2 an idea



Word Search #1



Word Search #2



Puzzle Solutions

