



Under the Stars


Look up and see! Who created these? He brings out the stars by number; he calls all of them by name. Because of his great power and strength, not one of them is missing. ~ Isaiah 40:26

Discover the Context Isaiah 40


 If your camp benefits from the glory of the night sky, take time to write a devotion using Isaiah 40:26 that you can share this summer with your campers. The heavens are already shouting out God's glory. All you need to do is help the campers hear it.

 “All creation is meant to be a finger pointing us to ultimate glory, the only glory that can ever satisfy the human heart, the glory of God.” ~ Paul Tripp

Dangerous Calling

 Here are some helpful Bible verses to use when talking about creation.

- ▶ Psalm 33:6
- ▶ Psalm 136:7-9
- ▶ Psalm 148:3-6
- ▶ Psalm 145:4-5

 How can you use nature around you to help campers see alternatives to what they might hear in school?

I always hope for a clear sky on the night of a campout, not only to avoid rain but also to observe the bright stars overhead. Looking up at the night sky, I find myself amazed by the awesome power of God. Even more astounding, what we can see is only a small part of the vast universe. These things remind us how great God is and how small we are.

Nothing compares to God, the maker and ruler of all. This truth is both humbling and comforting. When we begin to recognize the majesty of God, we ought to respond in humility. God deserves all glory and honor, but we do not always worship God rightly. We often focus our attention on the things around us and make idols of things God has made. Thankfully, even though we sin God lovingly reaches out to his human creatures—through his Son Jesus.

Yes, the same God who made the stars also made each of us. And just as God numbers the stars and names them, God cares for all people and knows each person by name. Under the stars we can rest, knowing that God holds all he has made.

God's mighty hand orders the universe. In his infinite wisdom he governs his creation. God's reign extends forever, beyond all earthly rulers and nations, for only he is eternal. In comparison our strength is limited, our wisdom is finite, and our lives are brief. We are like grass that withers away, but God and his word remain forever.

Let us then rely on the everlasting God. Working at camp can be tiring, but God never fades or grows tired. He can give us the strength to serve him. We may face situations we do not know how to handle, but God knows everything. He can grant us his wisdom to make good decisions. God supports those who trust in him. He will always be with us. Even on the darkest nights, when the clouds block our view of the heavens, the stars still shine declaring God's greatness. [MRH]