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## Grade 4 Reading Comprehension Worksheet

### A Child's Dream of a Star

By Charles Dickens

Read the story. Then answer the questions.

There was once a child and he strolled about a good deal, and thought of a number of things. He had a sister, who was a child, too, and his constant companion. These two used to wonder all day long. They wondered at the beauty of the flowers; at the height and blueness of the sky; at the depth of the bright water; at the goodness and the power of God who made the lovely world. They used to say to one another, sometimes: "Supposing all the children upon earth were to die, would the flowers, and the water, and the sky be sorry?" They believed they would be sorry. "For," said they, "the buds are the children of the flowers, and the little playful streams that gambol down the hillsides are the children of the water; and the smallest, bright specks playing at hide and seek in the sky all night, must surely be the children of the stars; and they would all be grieved to see their playmates, the children of men, no more." There was one clear, shining star that used to come out in the sky before the rest. It was larger and more beautiful, they thought, than all the others, and every night they watched for it, standing hand in hand at a window. Whoever saw it first cried out: "I see the star!" And often they cried out both together, knowing so well when it would rise, and where. So they grew to be such friends with it, that, before lying down in their beds, they always looked out once again, to bid it good-night; and when they were turning round to sleep, they used to say: "God bless the star!"

Answer each question.

1. What did the child and his sister wonder all day?
2. Why did they believe that flowers, water and sky would be sorry?
3. What did they think about the star that comes out in the sky?
4. What did they used to say when they were going to sleep?

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1. What the child and his sister used to wonder all day?

**They wondered at the beauty of the flowers; at the height and blueness of the sky; at the depth of the bright water; at the goodness and the power of God who made the lovely world.**

2. Why did they believe that flowers, water and sky would be sorry?

**They said, that supposing all the children upon earth was to die, so the flowers, water, and sky would be sorry because the buds are the children of the flowers, and the little streams are the children of the water; and the smallest specks in the sky surely be the children of the stars.**

3. What did they think about the star that comes out in the sky?

**They thought that it was larger and more beautiful, than all the other stars.**

4. What they used to say when they going to sleep?

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