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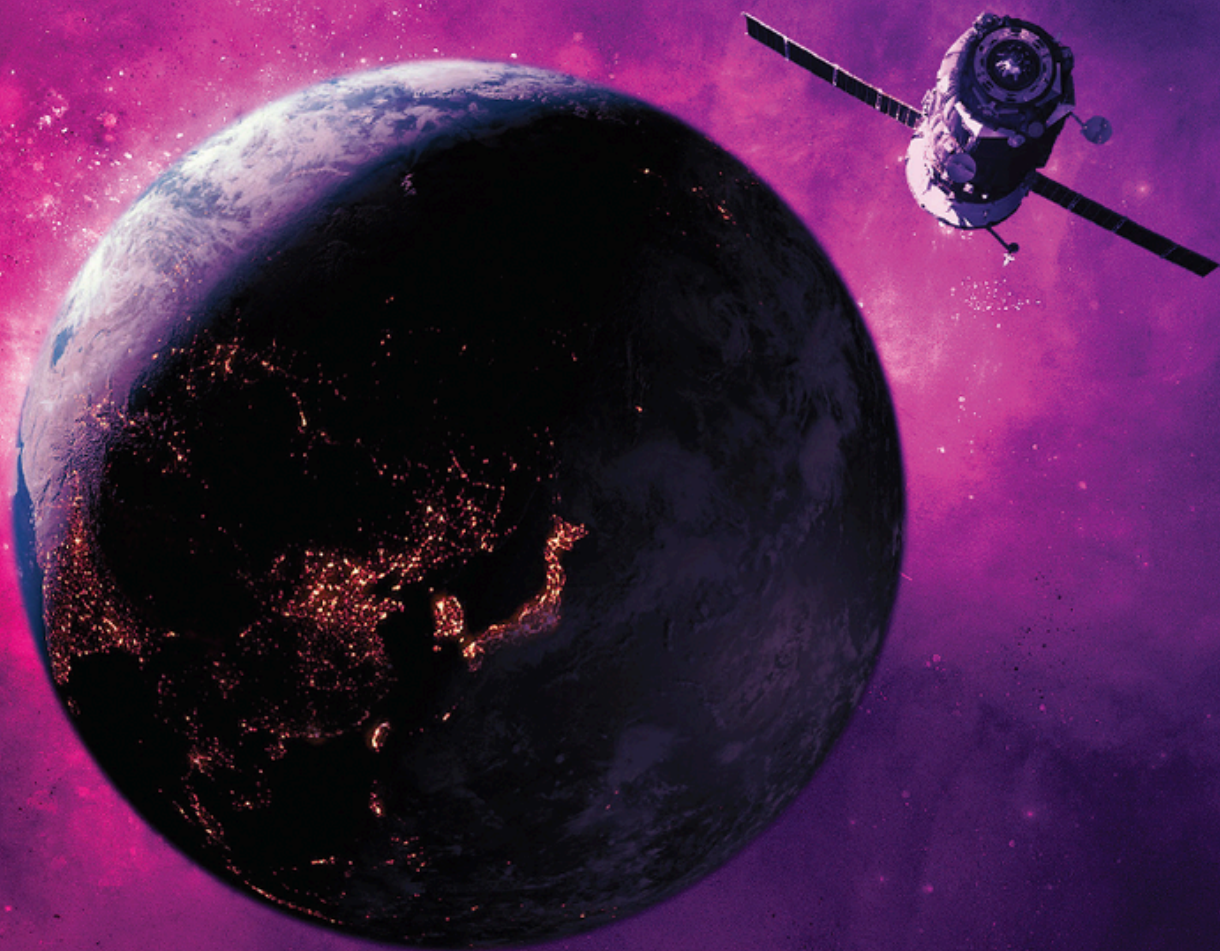
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# EARTH AND SKY



A LIVING SCIENCE HANDBOOK FOR K-6 STUDENTS

BY CRYSTAL WILEY

# Materials Needed for Entire Study

- ❑ ***The Earth and Sky: A Primer of Astronomy for Young Readers*** by Edward S. Holden (*The full book is available in the public domain [here](#). An e-book version by Yesterday's Classics can be found [here](#). but it is also available from other publishers and you can find a copy on most used online bookstores such as [Thriftbooks.com](#), [Abebooks.com](#) and [Amazon](#)).*
- ❑ **Earth and Sky Coloring Pages and Printables** (*attached*)
- ❑ **Personal Nature or Science Journal** (*each student*)
- ❑ **Quality Coloring Pencils** (*Recommended: Prismacolor*) **or Paints**
- ❑ **Picture & General Booklists** (*attached*)(*optional*)
- ❑ **A Visual Astrology Encyclopedia or general reference book with photographs of the earth, moon, sun and stars** (*Please note: Many earth/moon/sun/stars books contain a non-creationist worldview including the "Big Bang" theory and strong evolutionary themes. I recommend previewing the pages your students will be reading.*)
- ❑ **Handbook of Nature Study** by Anna Botsford Comstock (*optional*) - (*This guide is a timeless resource highly recommended for instructors interested in better equipping themselves in all manners of nature study*).

# Picture Booklist by Lesson

There are a plethora of wonderful picture books about the earth, sun, moon and stars but the books listed in the book lists offer the opportunity for students to build **joyful relations with the earth and astrology** through story. And so, this is by no means an exhaustive list and I encourage every instructor to seek out additional living books as you see fit.

*\*Finally, while I researched books for hours trying to adhere to the living book recommendations, many “astrological” books do not fit into this category and were chosen for their childlike, whimsical prose and overall message. I tried to offer more than one suggestion should you be unable to secure them all at your local library.*

***\*\*Please also note again: Many earth/moon/sun/stars books contain a non-creationist worldview including the “Big Bang” theory and strong evolutionary themes. I recommend previewing the pages your students will be reading.***

## Lesson 1:

- When God Made the World*** by Matthew Paul Turner
- One Small Square, The Night Sky*** by Donald Silver
- Here We Are*** by Oliver Jeffers
- On Earth*** by MR G Brian Karas
- Big Book of Earth & Sky*** by Bodie Hodge

## Lesson 2:

- The Earth And I*** by Frank Asch
- You're Aboard Spaceship Earth*** by Patricia Lauber
- The Astronomy Book*** by Dr. Jonathan Henry
- You Choose in Space*** by Pippa Goodhart

# Suggested Schedule

There are 8 lessons in total. If you do two lessons per week, you'll finish this study in 4 weeks. You may only get to one lesson each week. You may get to four lessons. It's entirely up to you. I have a recommended schedule below that offers a breakdown of two lessons each week with Catch-up and Review Questions the week after the book is complete.

The important thing to remember is that you control your curriculum – your curriculum should never control you or your students. So be at peace going at your own pace. There is no way to “fall behind” in *Simple Studies*. These are great lessons to include into your morning time basket, afternoon read-alouds or simply to read through to inspire curiosity in our natural world.

Week 1: Lessons 1 and 2

Week 2 Lessons 3 and 4

Week 3: Lessons 5 and 6

Week 4: Lesson 7 and 8

Week 5: Catch-up and Review

# Lesson 7

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

- *The Earth and Sky* by Edward Holden
- *The Earth and Sky Coloring Pages* (attached)
- Colored pencils or Paints
- Journal
- Computer (optional)
- Picture books see *below* (optional)

Ask students what they remember about the last chapter. Ask how often the moon changes its shape? (every night).

Read together, *The Earth and Sky* by Edward Holden, chapter 7, “Why the Bright Part of the Moon Changes Its Shape from Night to Night,” and ask for an oral or written narration. While you read, let younger students color one of the pictures for Lesson 7 of the Earth & Sky Coloring Pages. After reading, explain that the different shapes the moon makes are called “phases.”

**For Older Students:** Have students copy the sketch of the different phases of the moon (attached). Go through the placements one by one to help your student understand how the light helps create the shape that we see. Focus on the full moon and the new moon, and how the shape transitions slowly between the two.

**Optional:** Let students watch this [video](#) to help understand the movement and placement of the moon. Choose another poem (attached) to read aloud.

**Dictation Sentence:** “Sometimes the bright part of the moon is quite round—a full moon.”

**Picture Books for Lesson 7:** *The Moon Seems to Change* by Dr. Franklyn M. Branley, *Faces of the Moon* by Bob Crelin, *Margot and the Moon Landing* by A. C. Fitzpatrick, *The Moon* by Gallimard Jeunesse, *Moon: A Peek-Through Picture Book* by Britta Teckentrup

# Earth and Sky Poems

## **'Move Eastward, Happy Earth'** by Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-92)

Move eastward, happy earth, and leave

Your orange sunset waning slow;

From fringes of the faded eve,

O, happy planet, eastward go;

Till over thy dark shoulder glow

Thy silver sister-world, and rise

To glass herself in dewy eyes

That watch me from the glen below.

Ah, bear me with thee, smoothly born,

Dip forward under starry light,

And move me to my marriage-morn,

And round again to happy night.

# Guess the Constellations Game (Lesson 8)

*\*Correct Answers provided on last page, options listed in random order:*

Capricorn

Leo

Aquarius

Cancer

Sagittarius

Virgo

Libra

Taurus

Pisces

Aries

Scorpio

Gemini

1) Guess:



# Copywork

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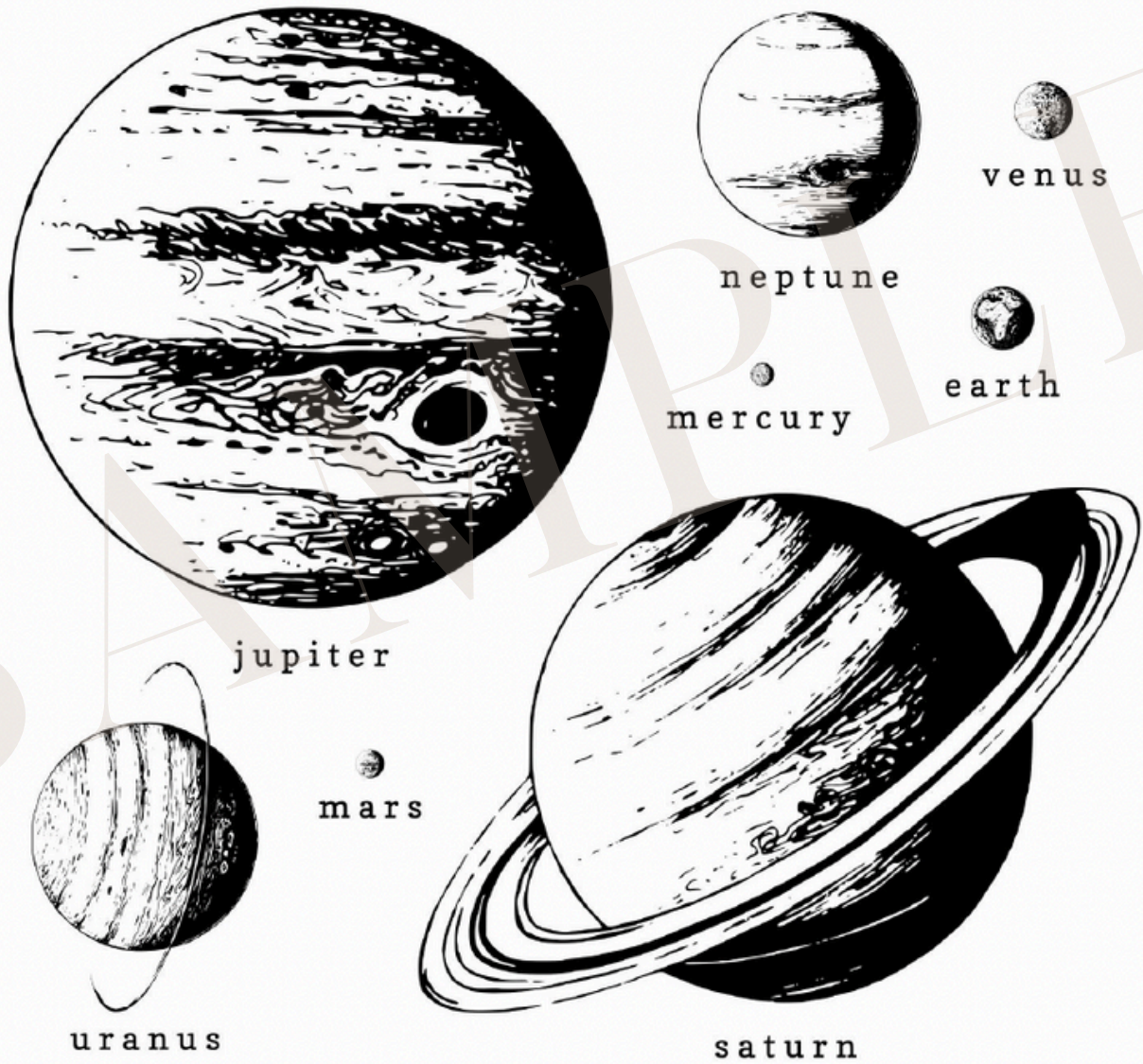
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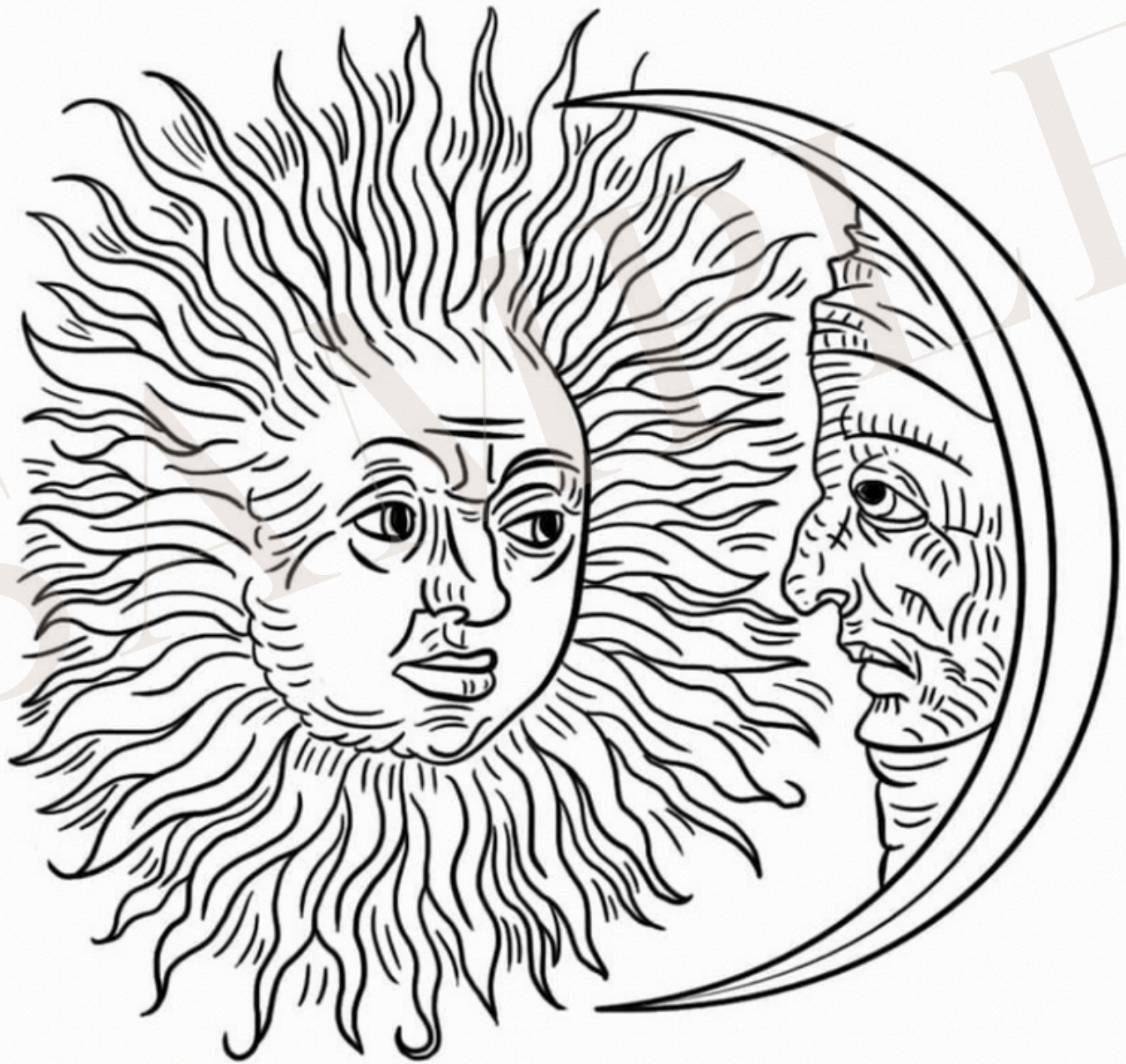
# Earth's Atmosphere Drill (Lesson 4)



# Size of the Planets (Lesson 5)



# Vintage Sun and Moon (Lesson 5)



# TESTIMONIALS

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*I have been searching for a few years for the right addition to our morning time. I needed something that has poetry, reading, Biblical principles and nature oriented lessons. I would find something but become overwhelmed by the amount of "fluff" and extra content. These studies are so feasible and attainable and have added a wonderful component to our Charlotte Mason homeschool! My only problem is choosing which one to do next!!!! Love them all!!! - Katie Woodruff*

OUR KIDS RECENTLY FINISHED YOUR JUNGLE STUDY AND REALLY ENJOYED IT. :) — GENEVIEVE D.

*We've used your guides from the beginning, gosh, so many years ago. I love how you take the cream off the top of so many different curriculum and put it together in a way that's custom fit for your family. - Miette Allison*

I LOVE YOUR STUDIES. I HAVE AN 8 AND 5 YEAR OLD AND WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING THROUGH THE FOREST ANIMALS GUIDE. IT'S SO FUN. - LYDIA JENKINS

*I like all of these guides because they're simple but interesting and give just enough further resources (links, booklists, ideas) to be fun without being overwhelming, an important factor for us! - @thesunrisemama*

TRULY LOVE YOUR PRODUCTS; THEY ARE A GREAT FIT FOR OUR FAMILY. I LOVE HOW THE LESSONS ARE SO FLEXIBLE. THEY CAN BE SHORT (JUST READING AND COLORING) OR WE CAN GO DOWN A RABBIT HOLE FOR THE AFTERNOON. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR CREATING THEM! — KÀRIN MANCINI

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*We did the Simple Studies Burgess Birds and it was our favorite homeschool study we've ever done! We have kids in 8th grade down to kindergarten and all my children enjoyed doing this study together. It's amazing to see each bird that they drew in their nature journal. I printed "how to draw" pages for my youngest sons so it gave them step by step instructions on how to draw each bird. They loved that. My young ones also loved the coloring pages! We were sad when the book came to an end. I would highly recommend this study and you can make it work with a variety of ages.*

– Claire Jones

US HISTORY IS FINALLY STARTING TO BE INTERESTING FOR MY 7 YEAR OLD. THANK YOU FOR CREATING AN INTERESTING, AFFORDABLE WAY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN TO LEARN ABOUT US HISTORY! – SARAH W.

*My daughters and I started with Among the Meadow People and I truly appreciate your simple studies. They are enjoying them and sharing facts with family. They loved how God created the robin with a pocket of oil for when it rains. Thank you for serving the homeschool community with your time and talent. – Nicole M*

JUST FINISHED COURAGE. WE LOVED IT! IT WAS OUR FIRST STUDY AND NOW I WANT TO BUY THEM ALL!! -MAGGIE MILLER

*I'm officially obsessed with your studies. They've been a life-giving presence in our homeschool this year & I'm so grateful to have found them. – Hannah Connor*

I AM SO PLEASED WITH WHAT I FOUND! I AM PLANNING ON INCORPORATING 3 OF THE SIMPLE STUDIES IN OUR YEAR. THEY ARE SO CUTE!! AND ARE GREAT FOR MY BROOD-- 8, 6, 3.5 AND 14 MONTHS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION. – MARIA DOUGLASS

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