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- Activity Sheets and Parent Answer Keys
- A Weekly Subject List

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2 DETAILED TEACHING NOTES

Notes explain each assignment and activity, point out fun facts about your reading, include question prompts, explanations, hands-on activities (beyond the experiments), and additional notes to enhance the reading and reinforce what your students are learning.

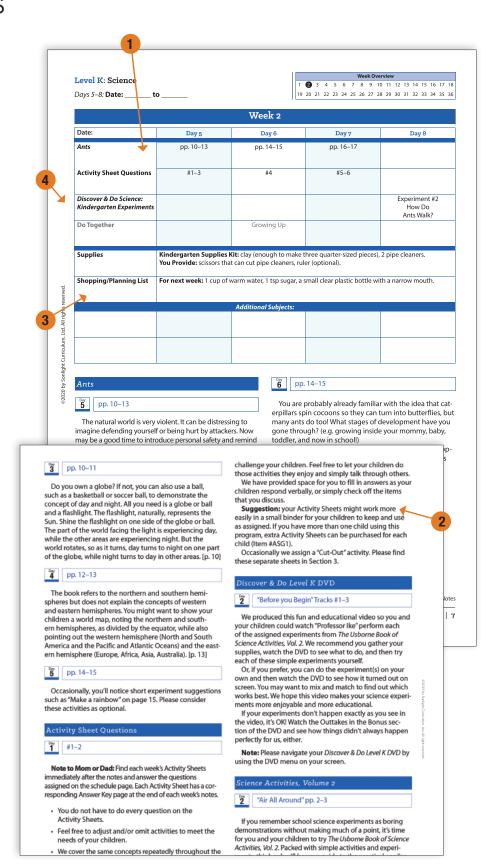
ORGANIZATIONAL TOOLS TO HELP YOU PLAN AHEAD

See at a glance the supplies you need for experiments this week and the following week. Know what supplies you'll find in the Sonlight Science Kits, and which household items you'll want to have ready.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS AND ENGAGING ACTIVITIES

Simple, engaging experiments coordinate with your weekly reading. In levels K-E, these weekly experiments tie *directly* to that week's reading material for an even more linear progression from reading to doing. Experiments provide hands-on learning and reinforce and apply the concepts studied in the days previous so you can see your child's developing mastery of particular science concepts.

Most of the experiments can be done with common household items, but to minimize prep time, we've created a Science Supplies



Kit that includes many of the supplies you need to conduct each experiment. No planning necessary and minimal prep time!

Your children will relish the discoveries they make throughout the year. And you'll love that they are actively exploring STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) concepts, and making their learning stick.

Instructor's Guides K-J also include:



INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY SHEETS

Your Activity Sheets—with hundreds of activities, illustrations, charts, and pictures—help your children remember what they've learned. A variety of activity options coordinate with your students' science studies and draw on a range of skills and interests.

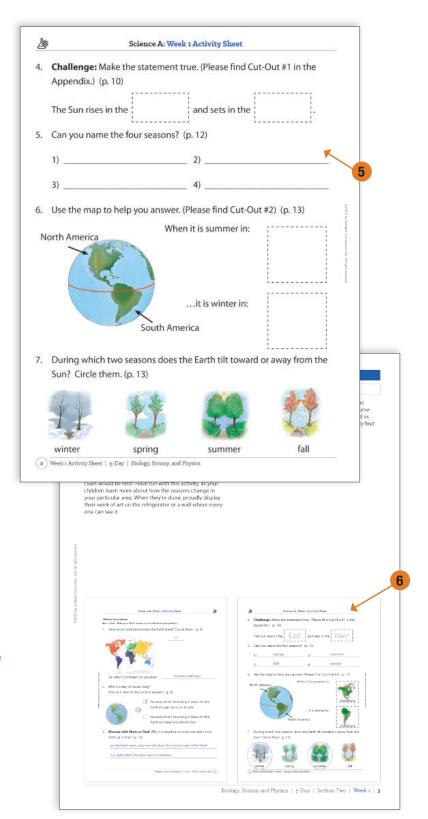
Activities progress with your children's abilities: from cutouts, matching, circle-the-answer, and dictation, to fill-in puzzles and sequencing analysis.



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Welcome!

In Science A, you will learn about light and sound waves, biological features, space systems, and engineering.

Sonlight Science programs include introductory studies in a range of experimental sciences. The main point of all the reading, activities, and (if you choose) experiments is to introduce your children to the scientific method and the joy of discovery.

We want children to be introduced to a lot of different subjects, intriqued by the concepts and ideas, and enticed to come back to the same themes again in the future. And so, you will find we follow a spiral pattern of education, touching on certain topics repeatedly this year and again in future years.

This way the basic *vocabulary* of science becomes ingrained not only in short-term, but also long-term memory. "Oh, yeah. I vaquely remember hearing about pistils and stamens earlier this year," children may say late in the program. When children study biology again in future programs, the names and concepts will be vague, but recognizable, as children gain deeper understanding. Please don't expect mastery of the vocabulary at this age. That will come in time.

We want our children to remember what they have learned because they can't help it; because they want to. We don't want them merely to *memorize* what they are supposed to learn so they can pass a test.

As you do the experiments and demonstrate care in reading and following directions, recording data, and such, your children learn to follow your lead. An attitude of success—"Sure. We can do this!"—rubs off as well. These cannot be taught simply by reading books; they have to be modeled.

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Evolution and the Age of the Earth

Two science-related issues require some special attention. The first has to do with evolution, while the second relates to the age of the Earth.

Evolution

Some of the book selections in our science programs contain material supportive of evolution. Why do we include these books? First, we include them because the majority of the content in these resources is of high quality, offering visually and intellectually appealing material. Second, we don't take an isolationist approach to knowledge. The subject of evolution is not something we want to teach children to avoid or put down without adequate understanding. Third, as the dominant perspective in contemporary science, evolution deserves mention and attention, even from those who disagree with its arguments. With that said, we do our best to provide balanced perspectives in relation to any potentially divisive content such as evolution.

When it comes to evolution, there are a few important points to keep in mind. In particular, differences between macroevolution and microevolution are crucial. These terms are sometimes used to clarify what is meant by evolution. Macroevolutionists accept evolution as the over arching explanation for all life, believing that evolution is responsible for significant changes in life forms such as a land-based mammal changing into an oceangoing mammal or dinosaurs allegedly evolving into birds. These supposed evolutionary changes are big, hence the term macro, meaning something very large in scale, is used in reference to this kind of evolution.

Microevolution, however, refers to small changes within different kinds of life. This approach grants the reality of changes within kinds such as birds or dogs. Obviously, there are many kinds and sizes of birds and dogs, but despite the variations, these creatures remain birds and dogs. As a result, someone can adhere to microevolution without embracing all the beliefs of macroevolutionists, who tend to accept the basic underlying principles of Darwinian evolution.

Religious objections to evolution tend to stem from the accusation that macroevolution leaves God out of the picture, instead leaving the entire process of the emergence and development of life to chance and time. Of course, this means that evolution is undirected by any sort of intelligence, while Christianity, for instance, believes in the reality of the existence of God as Creator. In other words, one approach to evolution is based on a worldview known as naturalism, while another is based on theism.

Naturalism here does not refer to enjoying nature, as in being a naturalist, but in a worldview that denies the existence of anything beyond the material world. In other words, anything supernatural, such as the existence of God, is rejected by naturalists.

ection Two , and Activity Sheets

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Discover & Do A Videos				Track 1		
Hooray for Inventors					pp. 6–7	
Optional: Do Together			The Seasons at Your House			
Supplies N Level A Supplies Kit: 3" Styrofoam ball, wooden skewer, rubber band, thumbtack, flashlight						
	Paper Packet: What Makes Day, Night, and Seasons? Test Data Sheet You Provide: sandwich-sized clear plastic bag, twist tie, lamp, permanent marker					
Shopping/Planning List	For Next Week: room that can be darkened, white paper, drinking glass, plate or shallow dish, table, measuring cup or small pitcher, water, camera (optional), colored pencils or crayons, pencil					
Additional Subjects:						

Children's Encyclopedia



pp. 8-9

Let your children know how amazing it is that so many things have to work just right in order for our world to support life. For example, if we were too close to the Sun, our world would be too hot to support life. If we were too far, it would be too cold. Isn't it amazing what God has done in His creation? He's made things just right to support life on Earth.

The book mentions continents, but doesn't list them. The seven continents are North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and Antarctica. Find a map at the back of the book on page 286–287 and show your children the continents. [p. 8]

Notice the "Internet links" box at the top of the page. It is not necessary to visit all these links as part of your reading, but if you'd like to, just follow the link listed in the book for supplemental online material.

The book mentions what the Earth is made of, but doesn't properly label the layers: The outer layer is called the crust; next there is the mantle; then in the center is the core. One idea to help your children visualize the layers

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of the Earth is to compare the Earth to an egg. The shell is the crust, the white part is the mantle, and the yolk is the core. For a hands-on visual, hard-boil an egg and talk about each part. To see the "mantle" and the "core," you'll need to peel away the "crust" first, but then cut the egg in half lengthwise for a nice cross-section of the "Earth"! Of course, the Earth is not shaped exactly like an egg, but neither is it perfectly round (there are flatter parts on the top and bottom). [p. 9]

On the picture of the earth from space there is text that is difficult to read. It says, "Blue Seas and Oceans". [p. 8]

The different parts of the earth have specific names. The middle of the earth that is made of solid metal is called the inner core. The part that has hot, soft metal is called the outer core. The hot, sticky rock that moves is called the mantle, while the outside that is made up of solid rock is called the crust. [p. 9]

Please forgive the grammar error on the first line of the section about the atmosphere. It should read, "a large blanket", not, "an large blanket". [p. 9]



pp. 10-11

Do you own a globe? If not, you can also use a ball, such as a basketball or soccer ball, to demonstrate the concept of day and night. All you need is a globe or ball and a flashlight. The flashlight represents the Sun. Shine the flashlight on one side of the globe or ball. The part of the world facing the light is experiencing day, while the other areas are experiencing night. But the world rotates, so as it turns, day turns to night on one part of the globe, while night turns to day in other areas. [p. 10]

The path that the earth takes as it travels around the sun is called its orbit. [p. 10]



pp. 12-13

The book refers to the northern and southern hemispheres but does not explain the concepts of western and eastern hemispheres. You might want to show your children a world map, noting the northern and southern hemispheres, as divided by the equator, while also pointing out the western hemisphere (North and South America and the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans) and the eastern hemisphere (Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia). [p. 13]

Under the section, "What Makes The Seasons Happen?", the paragraphs explain the earth pointing toward the sun, away from the sun, and getting "more hot sunlight" when the earth is facing the sun. This description may be a bit misleading. The little descriptions on the diagram below this section talk about "direct sunlight". This is a more accurate description. Direct sunlight means that the light from the sun is concentrated on a smaller area. Likewise, heat, which is one component of sunlight, is also focused on a smaller area. On the other hand, indirect sunlight is

spread out over a larger area, and therefore the heat is also spread out. [p. 13]

Activity Sheet Questions



Note to Mom or Dad: Find each week's Activity Sheets immediately after the notes and answer the questions assigned on the schedule page. Each Activity Sheet has a corresponding Answer Key page at the end of each week's notes.

- · You do not have to do every question on the Activity Sheets.
- Feel free to adjust and/or omit activities to meet the needs of your children.
- We cover the same concepts repeatedly throughout the year (and years to come!) to enable students to learn "naturally" through repetition and practice over time.
- Any question marked Challenge: will be just that a challenge for your children. While we believe the material covered in the challenge questions is worthwhile for your children to know, it may not be specifically explained in their reading assignment. As always, if you think any question is too difficult for your children, please feel free to skip.

Please don't expect your children to write the answers until they gain considerable proficiency at handwriting. We have provided a variety of activities to interest and challenge your children. Feel free to let your children do those activities they enjoy and simply talk through others.

We have provided space for you to fill in answers as your children respond verbally, or simply check off the items that you discuss.

Suggestion: your Activity Sheets might work more easily in a small binder for your children to keep and use as assigned. If you have more than one child using this program, extra Activity Sheets can be purchased for each child (Item #ASG1).

Occasionally we assign a "Cut-Out" activity. Please find these separate sheets in Section 3.

Discover & Do: Level A Science Experiments



#1: What Makes, Day, Night, and the Seasons?

Note to Mom or Dad: Save the Earth model you make in this experiment. It will be used again. The laser pointer in the supply kit has a flashlight function. Press the second button twice.

Discover & Do A Videos

As a busy parent, you may not have the time to demonstrate every experiment for your children. With Discover & Do Experiment Videos, your students will be able to watch the experiments and learn to do it on their own. Your student can learn the key aspects of each lesson and explore the world even if you are unable to get to an experiment in a busy week.

We recommend you gather your supplies, watch the video with your children to see what to do, and then try each of these simple experiments together. Or, if you prefer, you can do the experiment first, following the experiment book, and then watch the video to see how it turned out on screen. You may want to mix and match to find out what works best.

Filled with fascinating activities and peppered with humor, these highly entertaining videos reenact all the experiments your students perform and provide reinforcement of the concepts observed during the experiment. These videos provide tons of additional information, instructional content, and bring the experiments to life in a way that can't be done at home—they truly enhance your science experience.

To access these videos, log into your Sonlight account at sonlight.com. Click on your name at the top of any page and select Videos.

Hooray for Inventors



pp. 6-7

The book *Hooray for Inventors* contains a lot of overview material about many different inventions and then goes into detail on a few of those inventions. It is a comic style book with lots of side dialogue listed in the margins and frames. We recommend taking time to research any inventions that catch the attention of your students. There may be instances where you may find that the information in the book is limited. In this case, further research will help guide you to examples of people who have invented something before the person mentioned in the book invented it. We do not want these side stories to inhibit your enjoyment of reading this book.

"Signore" is the Italian word for "mister". [p. 6]

The invention of the helicopter has a debated history. The book shows Leonardo da Vinci's sketch of what he called an Aeiral Screw—a man-powered helicopter, though this was not the first concept of a flying craft. The book also mentions Henrich Focke as the man who invented the first helicopter. However, many others before Focke who designed and flew a flying craft. Although Focke's invention was the first helicopter that was actually useful, it is not the same as the true first helicopter. You can do more research on your own by using your favorite

search engine to look up the term "Helicopter". You will want to find a page that does a good job of explaining the history of the concept of a helicopter. [p. 7]

The invention of the hang glider is also a bit confusing. Da Vinci was not the first to think of a human gliding on a winged craft; rather, the Chinese reportedly first created a kite that could carry a human. And while the British inventor Sir George Cayley may have designed and created a hang glider, his design was not the first hang glider for practical use. To do more research on hang gliders, use your favorite search engine to look up the term, "Hang Glider". [p. 7]

Optional: Do Together



The Seasons at Your House

Using a large piece of poster board, draw a line down the middle in each direction so as to divide it into four equal parts. Label the upper left corner "Spring," the upper right corner "Summer," the lower left corner "Fall," and the lower right corner "Winter." Now ask your children to use crayons, markers, paint, colored pencils, etc. to draw a picture of what each of the seasons looks like where you live. As they draw, discuss the seasons and what's different about each one. Ask them to think about how a stranger who just flew in from halfway around the world would be able to tell what season it is at any particular time. What clues would they find? Have fun with this activity, as your children learn more about how the seasons change in your particular area. When they're done, proudly display their work of art on the refrigerator or a wall where everyone can see it.

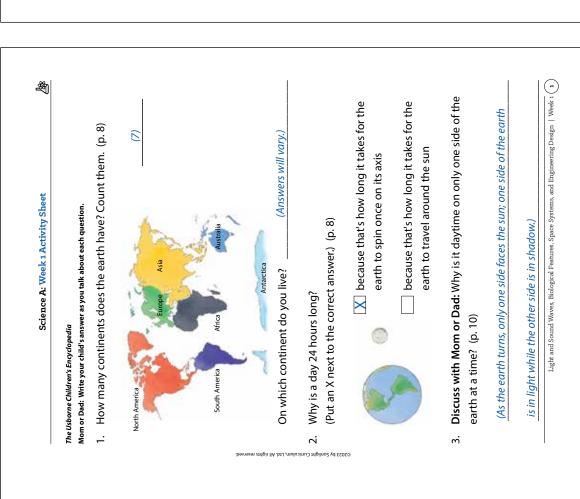
Supplies



You Provide

Note to Mom or Dad: When supplies are listed as Level A Supplies Kit, they are materials found in your coursespecific kit of supplies (item 1SK). When supplies are listed as **You provide**, they are materials you can generally find around your home. We will also help provide a list of materials that will be needed for the following week, to help you prepare in advance.

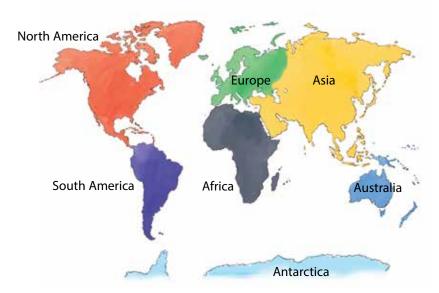
One set of the consumable Discover & Do Level A **Experiment Paper Packet** worksheets are included in the Experiment book with each experiment. If you have more than one student, or do not wish to cut pages out of your book, be sure to purchase an additional Level A Experiment Paper Packet from <u>sonlight.com</u>. ■



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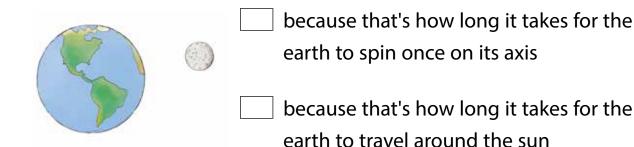
Mom or Dad: Write your child's answer as you talk about each question.

1. How many continents does the earth have? Count them. (p. 8)



On which continent do you live?

Why is a day 24 hours long?(Put an X next to the correct answer.) (p. 8)



3. **Discuss with Mom or Dad:** Why is it daytime on only one side of the earth at a time? (p. 10)

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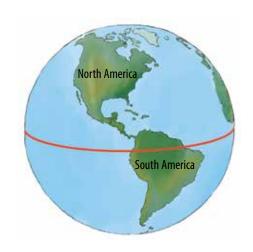
4. **Challenge:** Make the statement true. (Circle the correct answer.) (p. 10)

The sun rises in the **East** or **West** and sets in the **East** or **West**.

5. Can you name the four seasons? (p. 12)

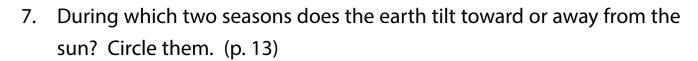
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- 6. Use the map to help you answer. (Please find Cut-Out #1) (p. 13)



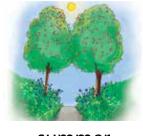
When it is summer in:

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Days 6–10: **Date:**_____to___

Week 2 Date: Day 6 Day 8 Day 10 Day 7 Day 9 The Usborne Children's pp. 14-15 pp. 16-17 pp. 18-19 Encyclopedia **Activity Sheet Questions** #1-3 #4-5 #6-7 Discover & Do: Level A #2: What Causes Rainbows? **Science Experiments** Discover & Do A Videos Track 2 **Hooray for Inventors** pp. 10-11 **Optional: Do Together Rock Star** & Fossil Fun **Supplies** Level A Supplies Kit: flashlight, small mirror. Paper Packet: What Causes Rainbows? Test Data Chart You Provide: room that can be darkened, white paper, drinking glass, plate or shallow dish, table, measuring cup or small pitcher, water, camera (optional), colored pencils or crayons, pencil **Shopping/Planning List** For Next Week: an additional flashlight for each partner, pencil, scissors, bowl or container to hold strips of paper to draw from Additional Subjects:

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Occasionally, you'll notice short experiment suggestions such as "Make a rainbow" on page 15. Please consider these activities as optional.

When the book describes wind at the top of page 15, it gives three examples with corresponding names for different strengths of wind. The third example uses the term "hurricane" as the strongest type of wind, when in actuality a hurricane is a type of storm with very strong winds. Additionally, the second example uses the term "gale". Gale is a nautical term that describes a strong, sustained wind over maritime areas, like the sea. Wind over land may not technically be a gale, but could still have the same wind strength. [p. 15]

To explain how a rainbow forms, explain to your children that light is made up of a lot of colors. Specifically, the colors are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. When light passes through the water, it is broken up into the colors seen in a rainbow.



pp. 16–17

The photograph at the bottom of page 16 shows a hurricane. Earth is not the only planet to have storms. Jupiter, for example, has many huge storms, such as the Great Red Spot. If you look at images of Jupiter, the spot looks like part of the planet, but is actually an enormous storm that has been occurring for many years.

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People disagree on the amount of time it takes to form fossils. Some claim this process must take millions of years, as noted in the book, while others believe fossil formation could happen much faster. For example, when the Roman city of Pompeii was covered by a volcano eruption in 79 A.D., scientists discovered "fossils" of people and dogs that formed at that instant. For our note on addressing the age of the Earth and "millions of years" issues, see the note on "Evolution and the Age of the Earth" in the Introduction.

At the bottom right corner of page 19, the book explains that the Colorado River formed the Grand Canyon by wearing the rock away (erosion) over millions of years. Again, this is an area of disagreement, with some agreeing with this conclusion and others believing the formation of the Grand Canyon could have taken place rapidly, possibly as a result of the biblical flood. One thing is certain—the Grand Canyon is amazing!

Please note that when this book discusses dating for things like rocks and fossils, it assumes an old earth perspective that is in line with most scientific schools of thought. Refer to Section 1 of this guide for more information about dating methods.

The section that talks about the hot, sticky, fiery rocks refers to magma when it is inside the earth. Once the magma reaches the surface of the earth, it is called lava. Both magma and lava are essentially the same thing, but the name is determined by its location (i.e., inside the earth versus on the surface). When the authors use the work "sticky", they are describing that the rock is so hot that it has melted into a liquid form. [p. 18]

Hooray for Inventors



pp. 10-11

The story here implies that there were not any books before the invention of the printing press. This is not true. People knew how to make books, but because the books were hand-made, they were usually only found in libraries. The process was simply too slow and costly for people to buy their own books. [p. 10]

Optional: Do Together



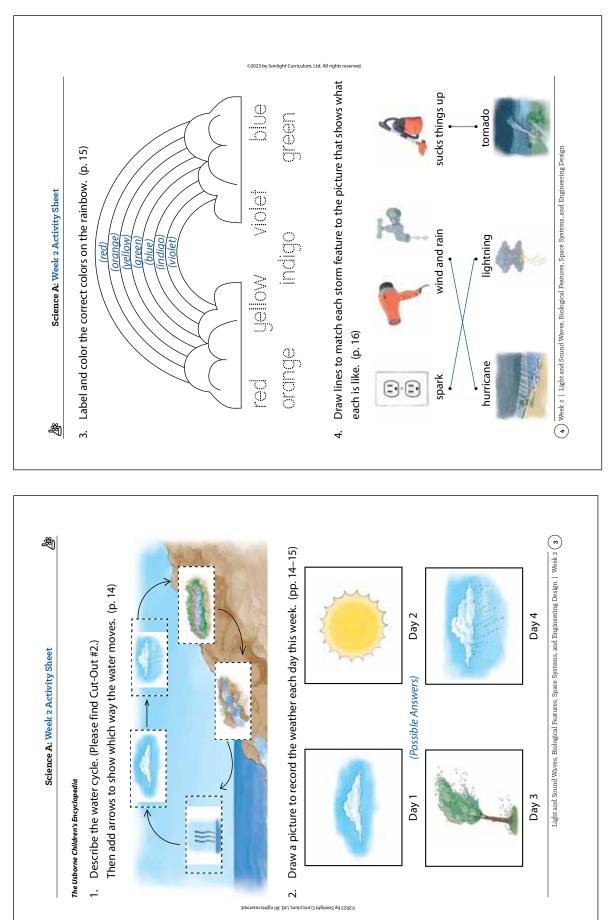
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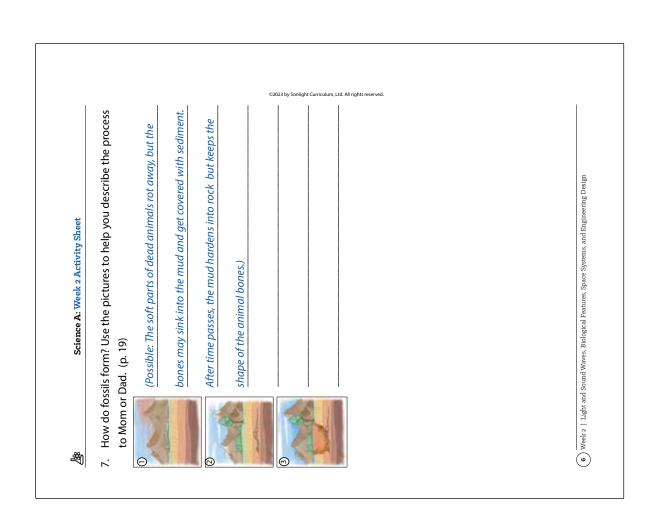
Have your children ever wanted to be a rock stars? Well, now they can be one! A star at collecting and analyzing rocks, that is. Grab a pad of paper, something to write with, perhaps some colored pencils, a magnifying glass, and a jackhammer. OK, forget the jackhammer, but grab the rest of the stuff and head outside to collect some rocks. Look around your house and your neighborhood. How many different types of rocks can you and your children find? After they collect several samples of different types of rocks, make notes about each one. What your children see? What do the rocks feel like? Do they have similar or different smells? What sounds do the rocks make when your children drop them? Have your children draw a picture of each of the rock samples. When they're done, have them show off their work to another family member and discuss the discoveries with them.



Fossil Fun

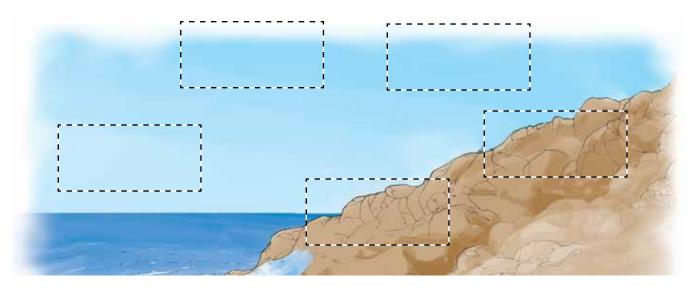
Help your children create their own fossil. First, make some fossil dough. You'll need: ½-cup cornstarch, 1 cup baking soda, and ½-cup cold water. Put the ingredients in a saucepan and stir over medium heat for four minutes until the mixture thickens to look like moist mashed potatoes. Then place the mixture on a plate and cover with a damp cloth until cool. Knead it like dough, and then shape it into 1-inch balls. Provide each student with a square of wax paper. For the remainder of this activity, you will need: wax paper, materials to make an imprint (leaves, acorns, shells, etc.), and possibly some paints. Give your children a 1-inch ball of fossil dough. On the wax paper, press the dough ball into a disc the size of a half-dollar. Then use a leaf, acorn, shell, etc. to make an imprint in the dough. Set the future fossil aside to dry and repeat the steps to make additional fossils. When the fossils are dry, let your children paint them or decorate them.



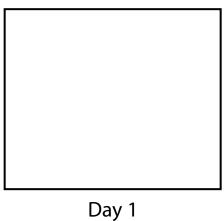


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Describe the water cycle. (Please find Cut-Out #2.) 1. Then add arrows to show which way the water moves. (p. 14)

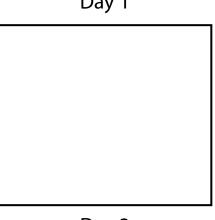


Draw a picture to record the weather each day this week. (pp. 14-15) 2.



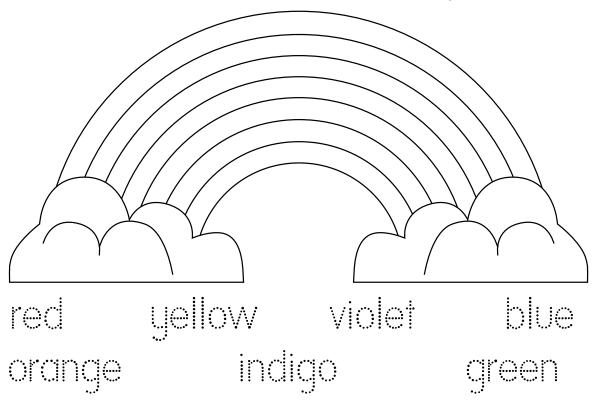
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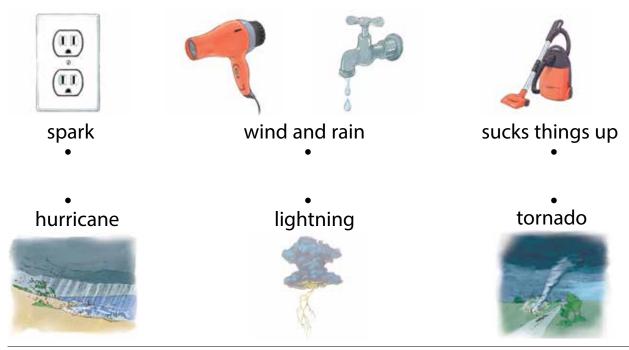


Day 4

3. Label and color the correct colors on the rainbow. (p. 15)



4. Draw lines to match each storm feature to the picture that shows what each is like. (p. 16)



Why do floods happen? Talk through these causes with your children. (p. 17)









How are the two types of rock formed? (p. 18) 6.

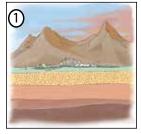
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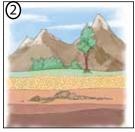


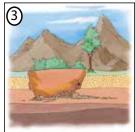
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7. How do fossils form? Use the pictures to help you describe the process to Mom or Dad. (p. 19)







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Days 11–15: **Date:**_____to___

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Week 3 Date: Day 11 Day 12 **Day 13** Day 15 Day 14 The Usborne Children's pp. 20-21 pp. 22-23 pp. 24-25 Encyclopedia **Activity Sheet Questions** #1-2 #3-5 #6-8 Discover & Do: Level A #3: Can I Send **Science Experiments** a Message with a Light? Discover & Do A Videos Track 3 **Hooray for Inventors** pp. 12-13 **Optional: Do Together** My Fault Volcano Eruption Supplies Level A Supplies Kit: flashlight Paper Packet: Can I Send a Message With Light? Design Planning Sheet, Code Design Sheet, Situation Challenge Sheet You Provide: an additional flashlight for each partner, pencil, scissors, bowl or container to hold strips of paper to draw from **Shopping/Planning List** For Next Week: measuring tape, single location outside where you can use the sidewalk chalk, pencil, alarm (optional), Earth model made earlier this year (Styrofoam ball, skewer, rubber band, thumbtack) **Additional Subjects:**

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pp. 20-21

Earthquakes can be scary. Is this the way God intended the world to be? Let your children know that the Bible tells us that the world isn't the way it was originally created. After the Fall, the world changed from being completely good as God intended. In the New Testament the Apostle Paul wrote, "We know that the whole creation has been groaning" (Romans 8:22, NIV). But someday, God will restore His wonderful creation so there will no longer be terrible earthquakes.

To expand your knowledge of earthquakes, you may want to research the different types of earthquakes. Some earthquakes produce waves like you might expect to feel in the ocean, and others that are more like a shaking movement.



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The largest volcano on Earth is Mauna Loa, which makes up about half the island of Hawaii. The name of the volcano means "long mountain." The largest volcano in the solar system is Olympus Mons on Mars. It is about sixteen miles high. The book makes no mention of the famous volcano eruption of Pompeii, which erupted in 79 A.D. You

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can learn more about this eruption in *Pompeii* ... Buried Alive! by Edith Kunhardt.

Note: Not all people accept that the world is millions of years old.



pp. 24-25

As you discuss the path from the river to the ocean, number 6 in the book may sound a bit confusing. At the end of a river, it is true that rivers typically get wider, but it is also true that the outer edge of the bend of a river at the end of its course is typically deeper. [p. 25]

Optional: Do Together



My Fault

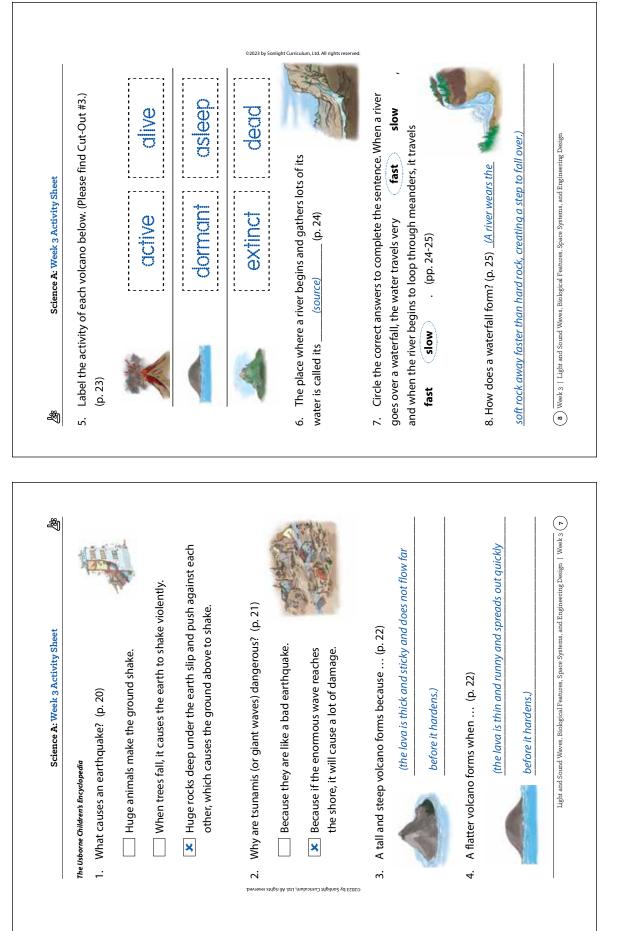
Do you live in an area prone to earthquakes? When was the last time an earthquake occurred in your area? As you talk about these questions, discuss earthquake preparedness with your children. Do they know what to do in case of an earthquake?



Volcanic Eruption

If you're in the mood for a really messy experiment (and, really, who isn't?), then this volcano simulation is for you! Here's what you'll need: an aluminum pie tin (or paper plate), newspaper, baking soda (3-4 tablespoons), vinegar (½-cup), liquid dishwashing detergent, a small plastic bottle (a soda bottle will work fine), modeling clay (or any type of clay—use our recipe provided below or check the Internet for homemade clay recipes), a funnel, measuring spoons and cups, and food coloring. Put the bottle on the pie plate (or paper plate). Using the clay, make a volcano around the bottle. Leave the area around the top of the bottle open and don't get any clay inside the bottle. Feel free to decorate the volcano any way you'd like. Using the funnel (make sure it's dry), put 3-4 tablespoons of baking soda into the bottle. Then add a few drops of liquid dishwashing detergent and about a half-cup of water. Put a few drops of food coloring into a half-cup of vinegar. Using the funnel, pour the vinegar mixture into the bottle. Quickly remove the funnel, as the volcano will erupt immediately! When the vinegar reacts with the baking soda, carbon dioxide gas is formed and the bubbles push the "lava" out of the "volcano." Be prepared for a mess! This is one of those experiments best done outside. Have fun!

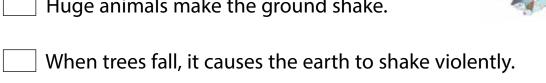
Recipe for clay: mix 1 cup salt, 2 cups flour; slowly add 1 cup of water. Knead seven to ten minutes. ■



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What causes an earthquake? (p. 20) 1.

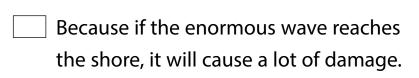




Huge rocks deep under the earth slip and push against each other, which causes the ground above to shake.

2. Why are tsunamis (or giant waves) dangerous? (p. 21)

Because they are like a bad earthquake.





A tall and steep volcano forms because ... (p. 22) 3.



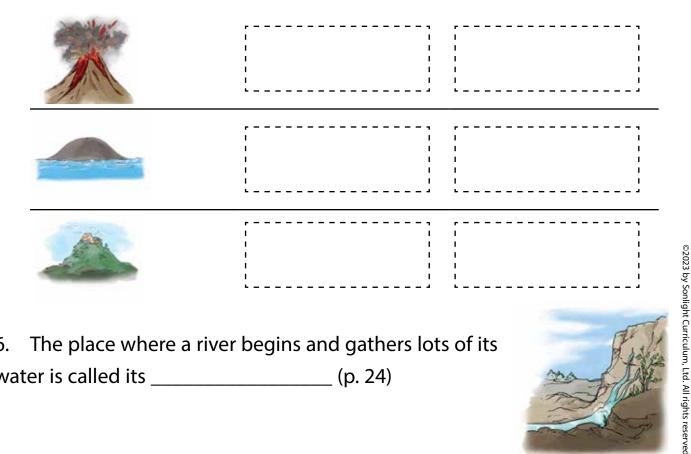
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A flatter volcano forms when ... (p. 22)





Label the activity of each volcano below. (Please find Cut-Out #3.) (p. 23)

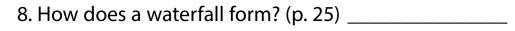


The place where a river begins and gathers lots of its water is called its _____ (p. 24)



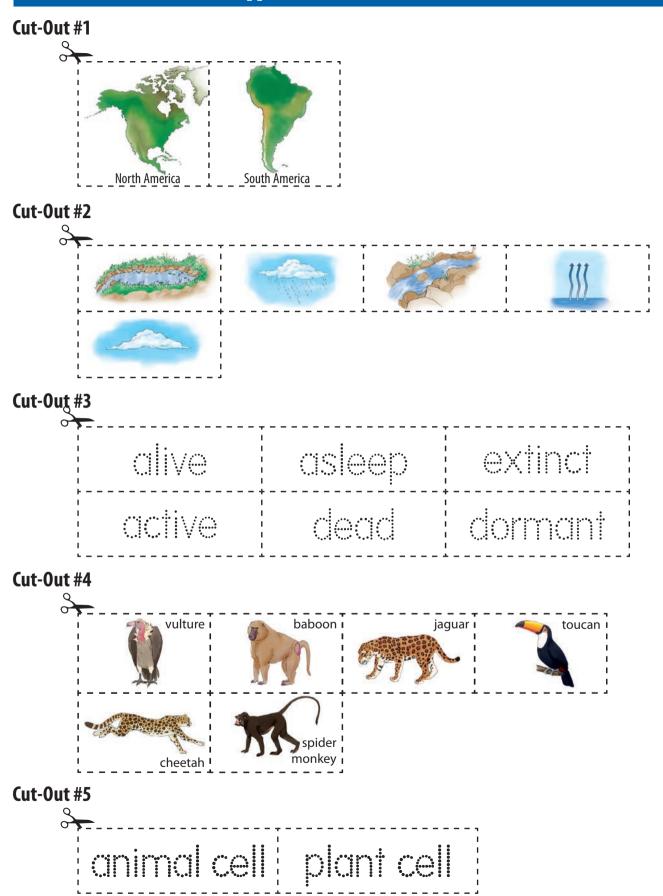
Circle the correct answers to complete the sentence. When a river goes over a waterfall, the water travels very fast slow and when the river begins to loop through meanders, it travels

slow (pp. 24-25) fast





Appendix 3—Cut-Out Sheets



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Section Three

Appendices

Appendix 1: Science A—Weekly Subject List

Week	Subject
1	our planet; day and night; seasons
2	weather, rain, wind snow; storms & floods; rocks & fossils
3	earthquakes; volcanoes; rivers
4	mountains; deserts; grasslands
5	rainforest; seas & oceans; waves
6	currents/tides; coasts; poles, iceberg, icy world
7	caves, caverns; coal, oil, wind, water, solar; pollution, damage, extinct
8	global warming/solutions; living things characteristics; cells
9	Pasteur; animal categories
10	mammal characteristics; baby mammals; bird characteristics
11	bird bodies & beaks; nests & chicks; reptile characteristics
12	amphibians; insects/spiders; butterflies / metamorphosis
13	seashore life; fish characteristics; coral reefs
14	sharks/whales; dolphins; deep sea
15	plant types; how plants grow; trees, leaves/fungi
16	body, organs, blood, skin; bones & muscles; digestion
17	brain & senses; babies - how and birth; health, eat, clean, fit, sleep, doctors
18	illness; germs
19	germ invasion; body fights back; allergies
20	how illness spreads; accidents; go to doctor
21	where you live; health: eat, clean, careful, feelings; what is science
22	what scientists do; atoms & molecules; solids, liquids, gases
23	how materials change; energy; forces
24	hot & cold; gravity; floating
25	friction; magnets; light & color
26	light
27	sound
28	sound electricity; space
29	space shuttle; spacesuits/gear; life in space
30	satellites & probes; solar system; moon
31	sun; Mercury & Venus; Mars
32	Jupiter & Saturn; Uranus & Neptune; Pluto & beyond
33	space pieces; galaxies; night sky
34	Engineering
35	machines; robots; building big
36	helping people; help planet; create culture



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