



**JOEY  
AND THE  
SHINING  
STAR**

**AN OWLEGORIES® TALE**

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Joey was an active owl.  
He was always on the move.  
He had lots of big ideas.

“Follow me!” Joey shouted,  
“I’ll lead the way!”



But Violet did not follow Joey.

“Why are you going into the woods?”  
she asked. “That’s not the way home.”



Violet thought for a minute.

Gus thought for a minute.

“Okay Joey,” Gus replied.



“I sure hope you know where you’re going,” said Violet.

So Joey and Violet and Gus marched into the woods.

“Gus? Violet?” Joey said quietly.

“Yes?” Gus and Violet replied.



“I’m sorry. I thought I knew a quick way to get home,” said Joey. “But I don’t know where we are. And now we’re lost!”



“They wanted to celebrate the birth of Jesus. They walked and walked and walked, and God used the star to guide their way,” said Violet.

So Joey, Violet, and Gus started marching home, but this time, the North Star was leading the way.









“I’m sorry I got us lost. Gus and Violet, thanks for helping us get home,” Joey said.

“Sure thing, Joey!” Violet replied. “We saw some really great trees and learned something about God too!”



# FAMILY TIME

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.” —Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

## TALK ABOUT THE STORY:

- Christmas is a time to celebrate God’s big love as we remember the birth of Jesus, God’s greatest gift to us.
- When we look at the night sky, we see all the beautiful stars and the moon that God made. Like the Wise Men in the Christmas story, we know God is with us, guiding us and helping us find our way.
- God’s love for us is as big as the universe.
- What can you see in the night sky tonight?

## **PRAY TOGETHER:**

Thank you, God, for being our North Star, who helps us find our way. Amen.

## **MAKE SOMETHING:**

- 1.** Grab an empty toilet paper roll and piece of dark-colored paper.
- 2.** Use a pencil to carefully poke holes in the paper.
- 3.** Wrap one end of the toilet paper tube with the paper, securing it with a rubber band.
- 4.** Now look through the tube toward a light. It will look like a starry sky!
- 5.** Tonight, take the dark paper off the tube and bring the tube outside. Use it like a telescope and look for the North Star!