

Dear Educator,

Encourage your students to become learning stars with this free educational program based on the characters and themes from Disney's new animated film, *Wish*, arriving only in theaters this Thanksgiving!

Inspired by Asha, the film's heroine, who turns to the sky and stars to help her family and community, the activities challenge students to explore facts about stars, design night skies, reflect on what makes them stars, and brainstorm wishes of their own.

We hope that you enjoy this program and will share it with other teachers. And please tell us what you think. **COMMENT** at [ymiclassroom.com/feedback-disneywish](https://www.ymiclassroom.com/feedback-disneywish).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Be a Learning Star!

Inspired by



WISH

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Target Audience

Grades 1-3 and families

Components

Available at [ymiclassroom.com/disneywish](https://www.ymiclassroom.com/disneywish):

- This teaching kit with three reproducible activity sheets
- A reproducible family take-home letter (in English and in Spanish)
- A standards chart
- An online feedback form

Concepts and Skills

Astronomy	Reading informational text
Self-reflection	Communication
Friendship	Vocabulary development
Empathy	Critical thinking
Community awareness	Creativity

About Disney's *Wish*

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How to Use This Program

Make photocopies of the activity sheets to use in class or provide them to families to use at home. Also copy and send home the family letter or email it to parents and guardians to extend the learning. In class, help children by reading each activity aloud while students follow along.

Activity One: *Wishing on a Star!*

Start this activity by asking students if they've ever heard the following rhyme:

*Star light, star bright,
First star I see tonight
I wish I may, I wish I might
Have this wish I wish tonight*

Ask students:

- What do you think the rhyme means?
- Why do people make wishes on stars?
- Do you think stars are special? Why or why not?

Explain that people have been making wishes on stars for many reasons, for many years. Ask students what they know about stars.



Distribute the activity sheet and read the introduction about Disney's *Wish* with students, as well as the science facts about real stars in Part 1. Remind students that a *community* is the people in an area or group, such as the area where you live. Your school is also a community.

Have students complete Part 2 on the back of the activity sheets. Invite them to share their stars and wishes when done.

Bonus Answer: 25,000,000,000,000 – 12 zeros

Activity Two: My Night Sky

Begin this activity by explaining to students that Asha looks up to the stars to help guide her. (For inspiration, you might also share the movie trailer with students to hear Asha singing "This Wish." Go to [ymiclassroom.com/disneywish](https://www.ymiclassroom.com/disneywish) for the trailer.) Ask students, *How do you think the stars help Asha?*

Next, ask students to close their eyes and picture the sky during the day. Ask for volunteers to share words that describe the daytime sky.

In comparison, ask students to picture what the sky looks like at night. Prompt students by asking:

- What color is the night sky?
- Is it clear or cloudy?
- Is there some other word that describes how it looks?
- Are there stars in the sky? A moon? If so, how do they look?
- What do you hear?
- Do you smell anything?

Distribute the activity sheet and review the directions with students. Provide them with crayons and markers to create their night sky designs. Challenge older students to use a thesaurus to find alternatives for some common descriptive words.

Once done, invite students to share their artwork and descriptions.

Activity Three: You're a Star!

Wish has classic Disney elements — it's a fairytale with good and evil, engaging music, comedy, and characters who are stars (and even a character that is a Star!). In Part 1 of this activity, students figure out clues to match some of the film's characters to their wishes. Then in Part 2, they will identify four words that describe why they are stars.

Distribute the activity sheet and read the directions with the class. Review the answers below once students are done. Invite students to share their stars or display them on a bulletin board to celebrate your "Learning Stars."

Answers: Part 1: 1. worms; 2. rooster; 3. dog; 4. chicken (for eggs). Part 2: Answers will vary.

Extension Activities

- **Wish Bubble Wall** — Valentino, Asha's goat, wishes to talk. Asha wishes to help her community. Wishes can be small or big. Have students decide what they would wish for their classmates or community. Assign each student the name of a classmate or consider making wishes for your school or greater community. Provide students with large circle cutouts ("bubbles") to write their wishes on. Once done, create a Wishing Wall with the wish bubbles.
- **Word Challenge** – Have students work in teams to see how many words they can make out of these terms or phrases: *solar system*, *billions of stars*, or *Milky Way Galaxy*.
- **Star Magic** – As a class, create your own fairytales about wishes. Have students work in groups or create a class story together. Add a twist with a wish mix-up. Use one of these prompts to help students start their stories:
 - *My best friend (or sibling) and I each made a wish on a star last night. I wished for _____. My friend wished for _____. When I woke up this morning, I was very confused because ...*
 - *Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight, I wish that my dog could talk. When I looked from the sky back to my dog, nothing changed. Then suddenly, my dog said ...*

Family Take-home Letter

Remember to download the letter in English or Spanish to send home to families so that they can join the fun!

Resources

- movies.disney.com/wish
- [ymiclassroom.com/disneywish](https://www.ymiclassroom.com/disneywish)



Wishing on a Star!

Asha is an adventurous young woman who lives in the magical Kingdom of Rosas where wishes actually come true. One night, when Asha wishes on a star, her wish is so powerful that it is answered by a little ball of boundless energy called Star. Working together, Asha and Star (along with Asha's pajama-wearing goat Valentino) set out to give the wishing power back to their whole community.



Part 1. Star is a character in the fairytale described above. But what are *real* stars that you see in the sky? Put your science hat on and read the questions and answers below.

- **What is a star?**
A star is a ball of gas. It contains helium and hydrogen.
- **Why do stars shine?**
Stars shine when the hydrogen changes to helium. This creates energy and makes the star really hot and bright.
- **Is the Sun a star?**
Yes. The Sun is the closest star to Earth.
- **How far away are stars from Earth?**
The Sun is 93 million miles away from Earth. The next closest star is Alpha Centauri. It's about 25 trillion miles away.
- **Can stars really fall from the sky?**
No. "Shooting stars" are not actually stars. They are meteors. They burn up in Earth's atmosphere, creating a bright tail of light.

BONUS! How many zeros are in 25 trillion when written as a number? _____

Part 2. Imagine looking up at the billions of stars in the sky. What would you wish for? On the back of this sheet, draw your own star. Then write your wish under your star.

Families: What would you wish upon a star? Discover how Asha, Valentino, and Star help people in Rosas with their wishes. See Disney's *Wish*, only in theaters this Thanksgiving. Rated PG.



My Night Sky

Asha believes in the power of wishing on stars. She also looks to the stars to help guide her in making decisions. Do you think that the night sky in the Kingdom of Rosas looks similar or different than your night sky?



Part 1. Imagine **your** night sky. Or look at the sky this evening with a grown-up.

Write three words to describe what you **see** when you look at the night sky.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Write one word to describe what you **hear** when you look at the night sky.

1. _____

Write one word to describe what you **smell** when you look at the night sky.

1. _____

Part 2. Draw a picture of your night sky in the space below or on the back of this sheet.

Families: Take a walk or sit outside to look at the night sky. How many words can you come up with to describe the sky and stars? Find out what the stars mean to Asha and the people of Rosas in Disney's *Wish*, only in theaters November 22. Rated PG.



You're a Star!



Part 1. Asha, Valentino, and Star need your help. They don't know what the people of Rosas have wished for. Read the words in the "Wish Box." Then read the sentences for clues about each person's wish. Write the correct word on each blank line to describe that person's wish.


Wish Box

chicken dog rooster worms

1. Grandfather Sabino has a new hobby. He wants to go fishing every day. His wish will help him catch fish.
Grandfather wished for _____.
2. Simon is always sleeping and has trouble waking up. His wish should help him wake up each morning.
Simon wished for a _____.
3. Gabo is hoping that what he wished for will turn his frown upside down. Valentino is eager to see Gabo's wish come. It will mean a new four-legged friend for Valentino.
Gabo wished for a _____.
4. Dahlia is Asha's BFF. She is also a baker extraordinaire. Her wish will supply her with one ingredient she needs for baking.
Dahlia wished for a _____.

Part 2. Congratulations! You solved the puzzle. You're a Star! Write your name on the line. Then write four words in the spaces to describe what makes you a star.

_____ name



Families: Take turns sharing words that make each member of your family a star. Find out why Asha and her friends are stars in Disney's *Wish*, only in theaters this Thanksgiving. Rated PG.





Dear Parents and Guardians,

In school, your child has been learning about stars, self-reflection, friendship, and community with activities from Disney and the curriculum specialists at Young Minds Inspired based on characters and themes from the new animated film, *Disney's Wish*. Ask your child about the activities. Then, extend the learning at home with some fun family activities!

Holiday Wishes – Over the holidays, have your child cut out large circles from construction paper to make bubbles for wishes. Write the name of one person who will be celebrating with you on each circle, and place a circle under each person's dinner plate or pass them out, ensuring that no one gets their own name. Each person will write a wish for the coming year for the person whose name is on the bubble. Extend this by having each family member write their own wish as well and post them on the refrigerator.

You're a Star! – Celebrate everyone in the family by creating large paper star cutouts, writing the name of a family member in the center of the star, and having each person write a word or quality on the star shape that makes the named person a star!

Explore the Stars – Take an evening walk or sit outdoors and look at the sky to see how many constellations you can find and identify. Check out hubblesite.org/resource-gallery/learning-resources/tonights-sky and spaceplace.nasa.gov/constellations/en/ for descriptions and images of the constellations.

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Estimados padres y tutores:

En la escuela, su hijo ha estado aprendiendo sobre las estrellas, la autorreflexión, la amistad y la comunidad con actividades de Disney y con los especialistas en planes de estudios de Young Minds Inspired basadas en los personajes y temas de *Wish*, la nueva película animada de Disney. Pregúntele a su hijo sobre las actividades y comparta el aprendizaje a su hogar con algunas actividades divertidas para la familia.

Deseos para las fiestas: durante las fiestas, pídale a su hijo que corte círculos grandes de cartulina para hacer burbujas de deseos. Escriba el nombre de las personas que van a celebrar las fiestas con usted en cada círculo. Luego, coloque un círculo debajo del plato de cada persona o distribuya los círculos asegurándose de que a nadie le toque su propio nombre. Cada persona escribirá un deseo para el próximo año para la persona cuyo nombre esté en la burbuja. Comparta esta actividad haciendo que cada miembro de la familia escriba, además, su propio deseo y póngalos en el refrigerador.

¡Eres una estrella! celebre a todos los miembros de la familia. Recorte estrellas de papel grandes, escriba el nombre de un familiar en el centro y pídale a todas las personas que escriban una palabra o cualidad que hace que la persona cuyo nombre figura en el papel sea una estrella.

Explore las estrellas: realice una caminata nocturna o siéntese al aire libre y mire el cielo para ver cuántas constelaciones puede encontrar e identificar. Visite hubblesite.org/resource-gallery/learning-resources/tonights-sky y spaceplace.nasa.gov/constellations/en/ para obtener descripciones e imágenes de las constelaciones.

Acerca de *Wish* de Disney

Wish de Walt Disney Animation Studios es una nueva comedia musical que invita al público al reino mágico de Rosas, donde Asha, una idealista perspicaz, pide un deseo tan poderoso que es respondido por una fuerza cósmica: una pequeña bola de energía sin límites llamada Estrella. Juntos, Asha y Estrella se enfrentan al enemigo más temible: el rey Magnífico, gobernador de Rosas, para salvar a su comunidad y demostrar que cuando la voluntad de un humano valiente se conecta con la magia de las estrellas, pueden suceder cosas maravillosas. *Wish* se estrena únicamente en cines el 22 de noviembre de 2023. Clasificación PG (con supervisión de los padres)

