



# TWINKLE AND SPARKY

High in the sky were two stars named Twinkle and Sparky. They were best friends.

Twinkle was a small star, and his shine could only be seen when the sky was very dark—but shine he did. Sparky was a larger star, whose light shone in the evening, night, and early morning. Twinkle and Sparky would imagine that far away someone was looking at them, and so they had to shine their best for whoever was watching.

Though Twinkle sometimes



wished he could shine as brightly as Sparky, he never complained and was always cheerful, for he knew that God had designed him to be exactly how he was. And Sparky had been made for a special purpose too.

Twinkle decided that even if he wasn't the brightest star, he was going to shine as best he could and praise God for the light he could shine.

One day, God told Sparky about a special mission He had for him. God needed Sparky to be one of the many stars shining for the great man, Abraham, as a sign that God was pleased with his faithfulness.

Sparky was very excited, and Twinkle knew that when the time came Sparky would do his best to shine beautifully and brightly.

Twinkle was a little sad that he had not been called for a special mission like Sparky was, and thought, *I don't shine bright enough, so I can't join him on this mission.* But then, a happy thought came to mind, and Twinkle smiled. *Maybe if I keep shining and I'm faithful like Abraham, God will think of something special for me to do as well.* Twinkle cheered up and continued to shine on, determined to do the best he could, cheerfully praising God for the light He had given him.

"Help me to shine brightly for You, God," Twinkle prayed, "and to be content, even though I may not be as bright as Sparky."

The great day came for Sparky to shine brightly as a sign to Abraham, and to help God in this important mission.

Twinkle watched the other bright stars shining brightly in a beautiful light show and he knew that even if he was not the brightest star, God loved him just as much as the others. It made him feel happy to see the other stars sparkling and twinkling so beautifully.

Twinkle smiled as he thought of Abraham



looking up from below at the many stars shining especially for him.

Suddenly Twinkle heard a voice call him.

"Twinkle," God said. "I need another bright star to shine. I will increase your light for the job."

And God touched Twinkle, making the little star glow brighter.

"Thank You, God!" Twinkle said, smiling as he joined Sparky and the others and shone brighter than he ever had.

**Moral:** When you are thankful for the way I have made you, and you do the best that you can, then I am happy, and so are you. I hear your prayers and your praises, and if you have a positive attitude, I will bless you in the way that I know will make you the happiest.—*Jesus*

## DID YOU KNOW?

In the Bible, Abraham was a man faithful to God, who obeyed God in everything. Abraham and his wife Sarah had no children. But because of Abraham's faith in God, God promised to give him and his wife a child.

God then told Abraham to look up into the sky and count the stars.

Abraham said he couldn't because they were too many, and

God told him that just as the stars were innumerable,

likewise, his descendants would be innumerable

and he would be the forefather of a great nation.

