

Reading (fiction): Read the story and answer the questions below:

(1) Three little stars lived near the Milky Way. The first star was red. The second one was a beautiful blue. However, the third star - the smallest one - had very little color or light.

(2) "I shine like a beautiful ruby," said the red star. "And I am such a pretty blue", said the Blue Star proudly. The Little Star did not say anything. He bent his head sadly.

(3) In the evening, all the stars washed their faces. Then, they sat down to shine as brightly as they could. But before they could do this, they had to go to the River of the Milky Way. They had to fill their buckets with water from the river and make their breakfast.

(4) One evening, the three stars walked home with their buckets full of water. On the way, they found a small, dust-covered nightingale lying under a tree. It was still alive and it opened and closed its small beak.

(5) "Poor little thing," said the Red Star. "I'm sorry too," said the Blue Star. The Little Star stood silently. Suddenly, he said, "I will wash and clean its feathers and let it drink some water." "But you can't make your breakfast without water," said the Red Star. "You will have no water left," said the Blue Star.

(6) Both the Red and Blue stars wanted to go home. They wanted to sit and sparkle at home. The Little Star took water from his bucket and washed the nightingale. "Poor bird," said the Little Star softly. He poured a few drops of water down its beak. The nightingale moved its legs and opened its eyes. "Thank you, Little Star," said the bird. Then it flapped its wings and flew away.

(7) The Little Star went back to the Milky Way to get some water. It was very dark. The Little Star was scared as he bent down to fill his bucket. Suddenly, he slipped and fell into the river. "I shall drown," he thought, **terrified**. Suddenly, he heard the beating of wings. The nightingale was flying above the river. He wanted to save the Little Star.

(8) Just then the Lord looked towards the Milky Way. He held both his hands and caught the Little Star and the Nightingale. He was very impressed to see how both the Little Star and the nightingale tried to save each other. So he said, "I shall place the Little Star in the North. There it will show the way to those that are lost. And this nightingale shall stay in the gardens of heaven to sing its sweetest songs for me."

1. In the evening, the stars had to
- help everyone
 - bring water to cook breakfast
 - smile brightly
 - wake up and eat their breakfast

2. Why was the Little Star not proud like the Red and Blue Stars?

3. The Little Star helped the nightingale because

- a) the nightingale was his friend
- b) he knew the nightingale would help him one day
- c) he did not need any water
- d) he was kind and unselfish

4. Why did the Little Star fall into the river?

The Little Star fell into the river because _____

5. Who said these words and to whom?

"I will wash and clean its feathers and let it drink some water."

6. Why was the Lord impressed?

7. Can you write an appropriate title for the story:

8. Circle the word that means the same as the word **terrified**:

- a) Very afraid
- b) Very unhappy
- c) Very confident
- d) Very calm

9. From the story, you can infer that

- a) nightingales do not have sweet voices
- b) the river of milky way gets slippery at night
- c) if you help someone, you might be rewarded
- d) shiny stars hate nightingales