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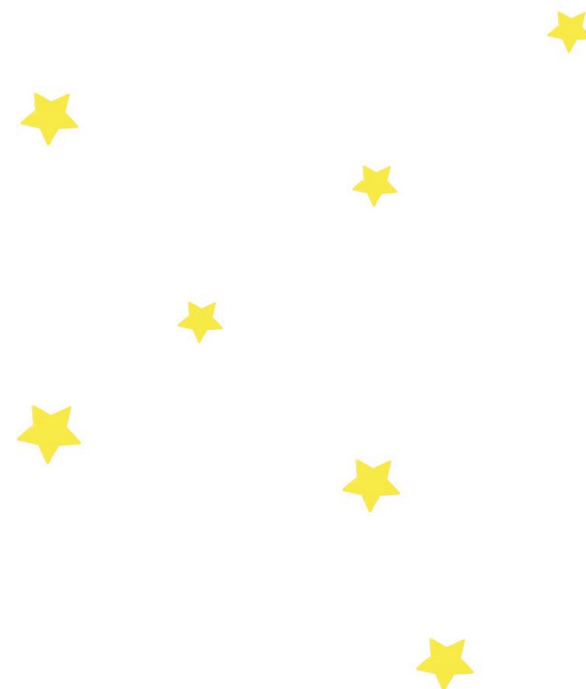
"The Swan"

About the Stories

The word Cygnus comes from the ancient Greek word for swan. Many others also saw these stars as a flying bird. Some people saw an eagle, some saw a hen, and some saw a pigeon. The stars in Cygnus are also called the Northern Cross.

Star Fun Fact

Most stars always shine out the same amount of light. Cygnus contains a special star that gets brighter and darker. Stars that do this are called variable stars.



Connect the stars and draw your own picture.



ursa major and ursa minor

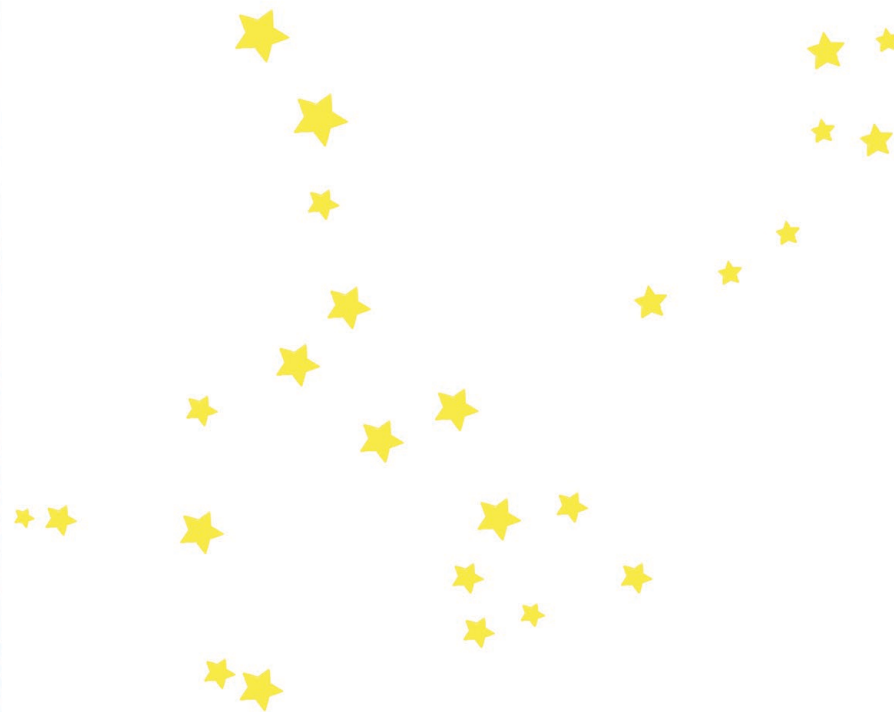
“The Big Bear and The Little Bear”

About the Stories

The Little Bear is sometimes also called the Little Dipper because the stars make a shape like a cup with a long handle. The stars in the Big Bear's tail and back make the same shape. They are sometimes called the Big Dipper.

Star Fun Fact

The star at the end of the Little Bear's tail is called Polaris or the North Star. The North Star is special because it is almost directly above the North Pole.



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gemini

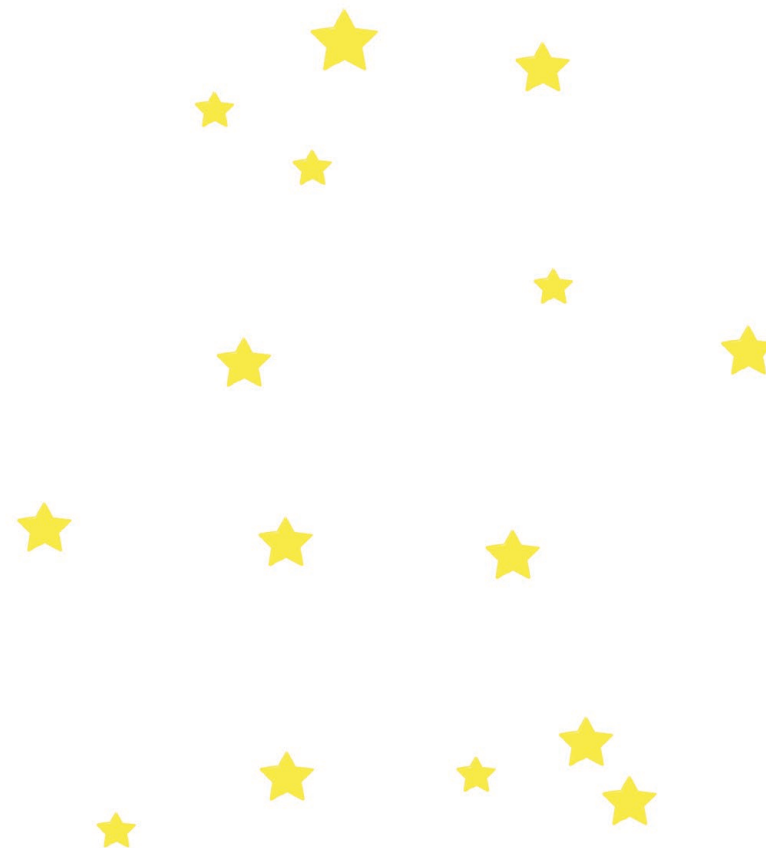
"The Twins"

About the Stories

Gemini is the Latin word for twins. Long ago people told a story about twin boys named Castor and Pollux. People thought these stars looked like the twins standing arm in arm. The stars at the boys' heads are named Castor and Pollux after this story.

Star Fun Fact

The star Castor is really a group of six stars. The three pairs of stars in Castor orbit or travel around each other.



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