

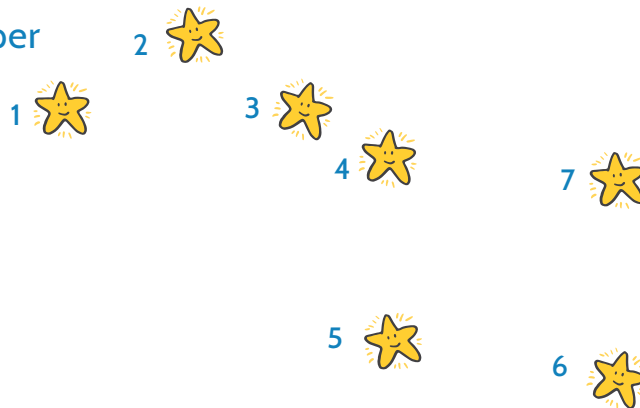
# Constellation Connection

When fishermen and fisherwomen are out sailing at night, they look skywards at the stars and see constellations. What is a constellation? A constellation is a group of stars that make an imaginary shape in the night sky. They are usually named after mythological people, animals and objects.

In different parts of the world, people have imagined different shapes from the same constellations. It's like a game of connect the dots. In the past, creating imaginary images out of stars was useful for navigating at night, especially if you were on a boat at sea. The stars also helped keep track of the seasons.

Connect the stars below by drawing a line in numerical order to form two constellations: **The Big Dipper** and **Equuleus**.

## The Big Dipper



## Equuleus "The Little Horse"



### What You'll Need:

Activity sheet for each child, pencil, crayons, markers.



### Take it Further:

Go online and read about the history of the constellations. Find out how they were formed and where they're located in the sky.