

Here are two versions of Alfie's Star for you to choose from. The first one is more challenging. The second is easier so you might want to read that one first.

### Alfie's Star

Once upon a time, there was a little boy called Alfie who liked owls, dinosaurs and ice cream but, most of all, he liked stars. When Alfie felt happy, they beamed with him; when he felt sad, they made him smile and when he felt alone, they were his friends.

Late one cold, frosty evening, Alfie gazed up at all the stars flickering like fireflies in the night sky. Suddenly, to his amazement, the biggest and brightest star began spinning down through the darkness and fell into the forest next to his house.

First, a prickly hedgehog who had lost his way came snuffling through the forest. He found the star, shining as bright as the sun, in the middle of a small pile of leaves. "This star will help me find my way home on this dark night," he said. So, he pushed the star along the path until he arrived safely outside his front door.



Next, a barn owl flew down, as silent as a floating feather. "This star will help warm my owl babies on this wintry night," she said. So, she snatched the glowing star, flew up into the trees and gently dropped it into her nest beside the owlets.



But the owlets wriggled and they jiggled and they flipped the star right out of the nest!

After that, a weary, old badger came shuffling along. He saw the star winking at him like a lighthouse from the branches of the tree. "That star will help keep me company tonight," he said. So, he reached up, lifted the

star down and carefully carried it back to his sett. Once inside, he placed the star on his rocking chair, made a mug of cocoa and settled down by the fire to read a bedtime story.



Soon, badger fell asleep dreaming of sunny Spring days when he would play with his friends again. As his dreams became wishes, the star rose up, swept out of the window and streaked into the sky.

Finally, the next night, when Alfie searched for the biggest and brightest star, he found it once again dazzling like a huge diamond overhead. Alfie smiled contentedly and, although he couldn't be sure, it seemed the star was smiling back.

*The end!*

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*If you want to try to learn the story, here is a simpler version of the same story.*

Once upon a time, there was a little boy called Alfie who loved stars.

Late one cold, frosty evening, Alfie gazed up into the night sky. Suddenly, to his amazement, the biggest and brightest star tumbled down into the forest next to his house.

First, a prickly hedgehog came snuffling along and found the star. It was shining like the sun in the middle of some leaves. "This star will help me find my way home on this dark night," he said. So, he pushed and he pushed and he pushed the star until he arrived safely outside his front door.



At that moment, a barn owl flew silently down like a white feather and snatched the star. "This star will help warm my owl babies on this wintry night," she said. She flew up into the tree and dropped the star into her nest where it glowed beside the owlets.



But the owlets wriggled and jiggled and flipped the star right out of the nest!



After that, a weary, old badger came shuffling along and saw the star winking like a lighthouse in the branches of the tree.

"That star will help keep me company tonight," he said. So, he carefully lifted the star down and carried it back to his sett. Then he put the star next to his chair, made a mug of cocoa and settled down to read a bedtime story.



Soon, badger fell asleep, wishing for sunny spring days when he would play with his friends again.

While badger was dreaming, the star quietly floated out of the window and back up into the sky.

Finally, the next night, Alfie was happy to see the star shining down once again as dazzling as a diamond. He smiled and, although he couldn't be sure, it seemed the star smiled back.

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