

Lesson 8

READ THIS STORY #1, Basic

The North Star

Men have always been interested in the stars. It is said that there are as many stars in the sky as there are grains of sand on all of the shores in the world.

Years ago, sailors were able to make their way across the ocean by relying on the position of the stars. One star that was very useful was the North Star. If a ship wished to travel in a northern direction, a sailor could steer the boat toward the North Star.

People who studied the sky noticed that if they drew a line connecting groups of stars, they could form a picture. They gave names to these pictures to identify them. One group of stars is called the Big Dipper. It is quite easy to locate when the sky is clear. You should be able to find it if you look for a group of stars that appears to be shaped like a cup with a handle.

If you follow the path of the two stars in the front of the Big Dipper, you will be able to locate the North Star.