

**Grade 3**  
**Reading - Science Fiction**

**“The Enchanted Nebula”**

In the year 3050, space travel had become as common as taking a bus. The Solar Kids, a group of adventurous fourth graders, were on a mission to explore the Enchanted Nebula, a mysterious cloud of gas and dust located in a faraway galaxy. Their spaceship, The Comet Chaser, was equipped with the latest technology, including a talking computer named Max, who guided them through space.

As they approached the Enchanted Nebula, colors of pink, blue, and green danced around, creating a spectacular light show. “Wow, it’s like the biggest rainbow in the universe!” exclaimed Lily, one of the Solar Kids. Max chimed in, “The colors are caused by the way light interacts with the gases in the nebula. It’s quite a fascinating phenomenon!”

Suddenly, the spaceship began to shake violently. “Max, what’s happening?” shouted Jay, the pilot. “We are caught in a space turbulence! Hold on tight!” Max responded calmly. The children braced themselves as The Comet Chaser spun around.

After a few tense moments, the turbulence stopped, and the spaceship was floating peacefully again. “Is everyone okay?” asked Mia, checking on her friends. They all nodded, relieved.

“Look! The nebula is opening up!” exclaimed Alex, pointing at the screen. The Enchanted Nebula had transformed, revealing a hidden portal. “This is a rare occurrence. You are very lucky to witness this,” said Max, sounding impressed.

Curiosity filled the air as the Solar Kids decided to go through the portal. On the other side, they found a magical space garden, full of vibrant flowers and trees that twinkled like stars. “This must be the heart of the Enchanted Nebula!” said Lily in awe.

The children explored, finding fruits that tasted like candy and flowers that sang when touched.

“This is the best adventure ever!” said Alex, his eyes shining with excitement.

After spending some time in the magical garden, the Solar Kids realized it was time to head back. They boarded The Comet Chaser, their hearts full of joy and their minds buzzing with stories to tell.

As they made their way back to Earth, they realized that the universe was full of wonders, and they were just at the beginning of their adventures.

Multiple Choice Questions:

Q1. What is the name of the group of children?

- a) The Star Explorers
- b) The Space Kids
- c) The Solar Kids
- d) The Galaxy Gang

Q2. What are they exploring?

- a) The Enchanted Galaxy
- b) The Magical Nebula
- c) The Enchanted Nebula
- d) The Comet Nebula

Q3. What is the name of their spaceship?

- a) The Nebula Explorer
- b) The Comet Chaser
- c) The Star Traveler
- d) The Galaxy Cruiser

Q4. What causes the colors in the Enchanted Nebula?

- a) Magic
- b) Flowers
- c) Light interacting with gases
- d) Stars

Q5. What happened as they approached the Enchanted Nebula?

- a) They found aliens.
- b) They went through a portal.
- c) They were caught in a space turbulence.
- d) They discovered a hidden planet.

Q6. Who is Max?

- a) A pilot
- b) A talking computer
- c) A Solar Kid
- d) An alien

Q7. What did the Solar Kids find inside the Enchanted Nebula?

- a) Aliens
- b) A magical space garden
- c) A hidden planet
- d) Treasure

Q8. What happened to the fruits in the space garden?

- a) They were invisible.
- b) They tasted like candy.
- c) They floated in the air.
- d) They sang songs.

Q9. What did the flowers in the space garden do?

- a) They glowed in the dark.
- b) They tasted like chocolate.
- c) They flew around.
- d) They sang when touched.

Q10. What did the Solar Kids realize as they made their way back to Earth?

- a) They wanted to stay in space forever.
- b) The universe was full of wonders.
- c) They were scared of space travel.
- d) They had forgotten something in the space garden.

**Answers:**

1. c) The Solar Kids. The passage mentions that the group of adventurous fourth graders are called the Solar Kids.
2. c) The Enchanted Nebula. The passage clearly states that the Solar Kids are on a mission to explore the Enchanted Nebula.
3. b) The Comet Chaser. The spaceship that the children are traveling in is called The Comet Chaser.
4. c) Light interacting with gases. Max explains that the colors in the Enchanted Nebula are caused by the way light interacts with the gases.
5. c) They were caught in a space turbulence. The passage describes that as they approached the Enchanted Nebula, the spaceship began to shake violently due to space turbulence.
6. b) A talking computer. Max is described as a talking computer that guides the Solar Kids through space.
7. b) A magical space garden. Upon going through the portal inside the Enchanted Nebula, the Solar Kids discovered a magical space garden.
8. b) They tasted like candy. The passage mentions that the children found fruits that tasted like candy in the space garden.
9. d) They sang when touched. The passage describes that the flowers in the space garden sang when touched.
10. b) The universe was full of wonders. The passage concludes with the Solar Kids realizing that the universe was full of wonders as they made their way back to Earth.