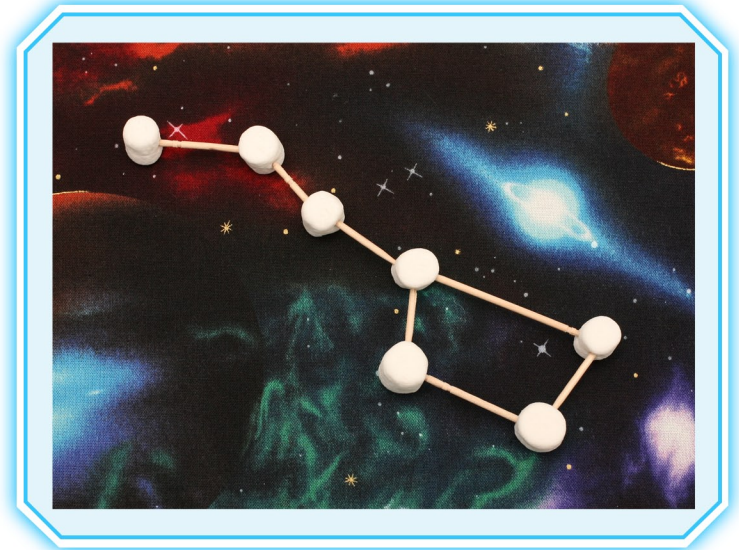




Families, turn snack time into an opportunity to learn more about constellations with a hands-on activity.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Constellation cards (see following pages)
- Scissors
- A bag of mini-marshmallows
- Toothpicks
- Small cubes of cheese
- Small chunks of bananas
- Grapes
- Paper plate



## REMINDER

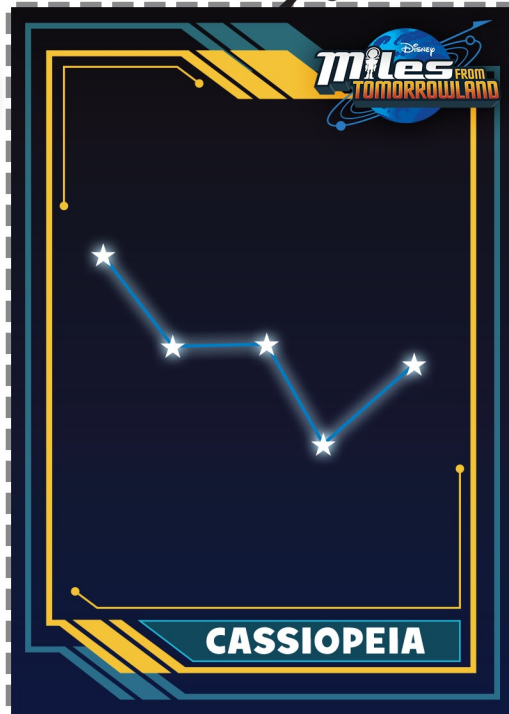
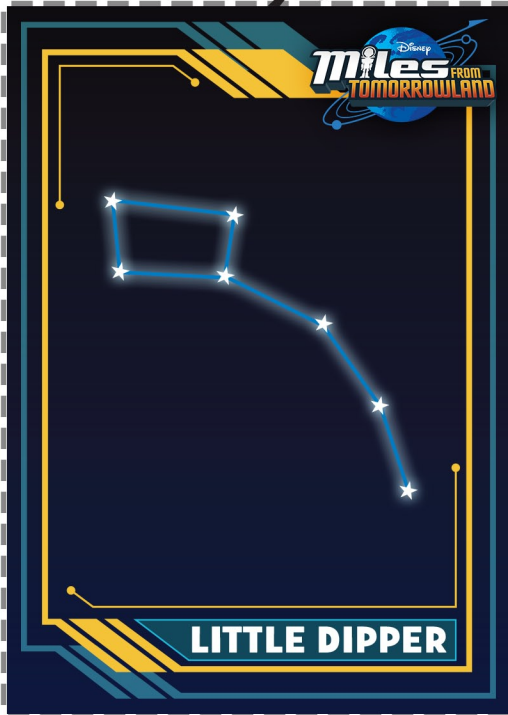
- Only a grown-up should use the scissors.

## HOW TO MAKE IT

1. Print out the following pages with the constellation cards.
2. Have your child choose their favorite constellation and have a grown-up cut out that constellation's card.
3. Using the constellation card as reference, construct the marshmallow constellation using mini-marshmallows for the stars and toothpicks for the lines that frame the constellation's shape.
4. Children select the same type of snack for each constellation they make (all cheese, all marshmallows, or all grapes). After they have made several constellations, they repeat the names. Encourage children to discuss how the constellations compare. For example, how are the Big Dipper and Little Dipper the same or different? Finally, enjoy a delicious, stargazing snack time!

Extend the experience. Invite your child to use a snack and toothpicks to create and name their own constellation. Before bedtime, take a minute to look at the night sky and help your child locate at least one constellation they made at snack time.

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