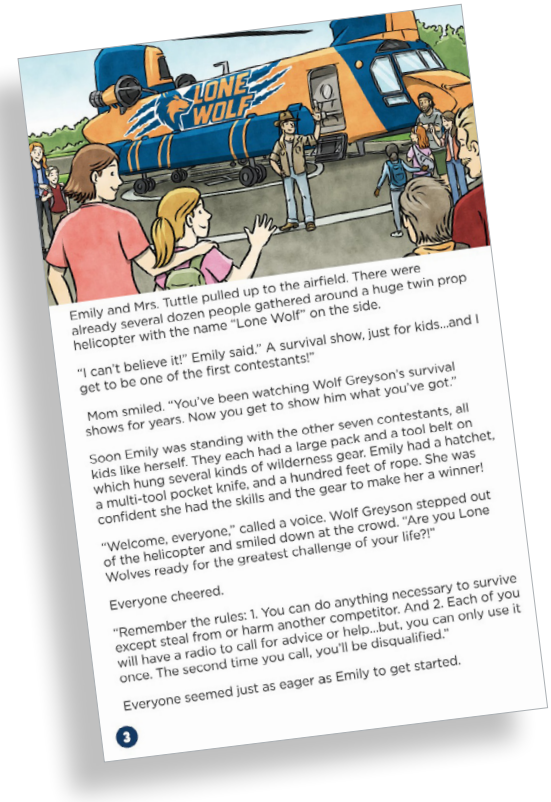
Article Overviews and Conversation Starters

This month, your kids will be reading several articles. Below you'll find summaries of each one along with suggested conversation starters. These discussions will help reinforce key concepts while also giving you, the parent, an opportunity to share your experiences and perspectives on the topic.



Lone Wolf

Emily is chosen to compete on a kids-only survival show called Lone Wolf, where each contestant must survive in the wilderness for three days. But Emily quickly learns that surviving solo is much harder than she expected—cold nights, no food, and no shelter take their toll. After a pep talk from her mom, she remembers the show's rule: "do anything to survive... except steal or hurt others." She decides to team up with the other kids, and together they create a thriving, cooperative camp.

The story's key lesson is that humans were never meant to survive alone—our strength comes from community, teamwork, and helping each other.

Conversation Starters

• When Emily's mom said "our power to thrive comes by working with others," what do you think she meant?

• What does it mean to be a "lone wolf" in real life? Is that always a bad thing, or are there times when it's useful?

We're Doomed!

Over 200 years ago, Dr. Thomas Malthus warned that the world's growing population would lead to famine, war, and disease. He believed the Earth couldn't support too many people. But his gloomy predictions didn't come true. Thanks to freedom, innovation, and trade, people invented tools and systems that made food more plentiful, and life healthier—even in crowded cities. The article warns us to be careful of modern "Malthusian" thinkers who still try to scare people into giving up freedom.



Conversation Starters

•Why is it dangerous when people try to control others out of fear—like limiting families or taking away freedoms?

•What are some modern problems that people worry about, and how can freedom and creativity help solve them?

More People+More Freedom=More Awesome

This article explains that in free countries, a growing population is a huge advantage. More people means more ideas, more work, and more progress—especially when individuals have the freedom to own property, start businesses, and improve their lives. Countries like the U.S. and Singapore benefit from both population growth and personal liberty. In contrast, places like China, Nigeria, and Hungary suffer when governments limit freedom or try to control how many children families can have. The main idea is that freedom and strong families—not government control—create a successful and thriving society.



Conversation Starters

• How do freedom and personal responsibility help people live better lives?

• If you were a leader of a country, how would you encourage people to grow families and build strong communities—without using force or control?

Latest Buzz: Space Flights In Our Future

Blue Origin is a space company founded by Jeff Bezos that offers short trips to space on its rocket, New Shepard. These flights last just over 10 minutes but let passengers float in zero gravity and see Earth from above. So far, only the very wealthy have been able to afford these space adventures, including Bezos himself and other billionaires, but the company hopes to make space tourism more common in the future. Some historic passengers include the youngest person to go to space and an 82-year-old pilot who finally reached her lifelong dream. The article encourages kids to keep learning and dreaming, because space may one day be accessible to more people.



THE LATEST BUZZ

Blue Origin: Space Flights In Our Future

Have you ever looked up at the stars and wondered what it would be like to go to space? For some very rich people, that dream is now a reality—thanks to Blue Origin, the space company founded by billionaire Jeff Bezos.

Blue Origin built a rocket called New Shepard that takes people on short space trips. The flight only lasts about 10–11 minutes, but it's packed with excitement! Passengers get to feel weightless, float around the cabin, and see Earth from high above. It's a thrilling experience that only a few people in the world have had.

Jeff Bezos himself was one of the first to fly on New Shepard in 2021. He went with his brother, Mark Bezos, and two other passengers, including Wally Funk, an 82-year-old female pilot who had waited decades to go to space.

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Conversation Starters

- If space travel becomes more common, how do you think it could change the world?
- Wally Funk waited decades to go to space. What does her story teach us about patience and following your dreams?

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