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Kite Rider

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I was bored. I'd finished my chores, homework, and even two library books. I called my friend, D.J., but he couldn't come over. I couldn't ride my bike either 'cause I had a flat tire.

I stomped out great — 70's and bree cool you down, mak

Flying kites! Ye kite out of my closet

In no time, the gripped the string air feet but air. Yikes! My

We sailed high skyscrapers. I held on a blue and white bal



flying kites.

and dug my rocket

into the sky. I
felt nothing under my

downtown
/n. The Earth was just

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Mars came and went. The same with Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus. I'd read about each in school. Now I was seeing them with my very own eyes. But how much farther would we travel? I was hungry and tired.

"Turn around, Rocket!" I called.

My kite partially turned. Straight toward Neptune!

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"No," I cried. "Turn more."

Rocket tried, but Neptune's gravitational pull was stronger. Would I ever see Mom, Dad and D.J. again? Tears stung my eyes and rolled down my cheeks. There was nothing I could do. Nothing at all.

I wiped away the tears and set my jaw. No, there was something I could do. I could be brave. I could not give up. "Try again, Rocket," I yelled. "Turn."

Then I saw a flash and felt a tug so sharp that I almost lost my hold on the kite string. We were being pulled on to an asteroid!

"Giddy-up, ast-

Past Uranus w-

"Yippee!" I shouted. "Will we crash into it? I sh-

I kept them close. The Man in the Moon

"Hope you had

Suddenly, the

... take free and headed straight back to Earth. Rocket and I landed safely in the soft sand of our neighborhood playground. We were immediately surrounded by Mom, Dad and D.J. What a ride I had taken! I brushed myself off and began to tell them about it — until a breeze whipped up again.

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- 1) Why does the boy love breezes?
- a) They cool you down.
 - b) They make sounds in leaves.
 - c) They make kite-flying easy.
 - d) All of the above.

- 2) There was a moment of not being able

to see Mom, Dad,

True False

- 3) Why was the boy

- 4) List out the planes

- 5) If you were the boy in the story, would you enjoy the whole thing, or would you be frightened?

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