

Awaking Wonder

Flight



LEARN:

Help your child gain a basic understanding of the mechanics of flight--force, thrust, lift, and drag. *The Paper Airplane Book* by Seymour Simon is a helpful, hands-on introduction to flight. The only material needed is a piece of paper for each demonstration. Parental supervision is needed. One example includes launching a paper airplane from an upper window.

DILIGENCE:

Read "Way 13" in *Our 24 Family Ways*. Wilbur and Orville Wright and other pioneers in flight had to work diligently with perseverance. They overcame enormous obstacles--sacrificing comfort, resources, and at times their reputations. Practicing diligence in small things leads to using diligence in great things.



OBSERVE:

Take a field trip to observe aircraft. Many airports have observation decks that are open to the public. Air museums and organizations like JAARS are other options to explore. Take advantage of time outside to listen and look for planes and helicopters, too.

INSPIRE:



Read about the history of flight with your child. If there is an inventor or aviator that particularly inspires, find biographies of those heroes and read further. In this study, discuss how flight has changed the way we live. Is there a problem your child is inspired to solve?