Notes About This Unit

Field Trip Ideas
If possible, consider taking a field trip to a planetarium while completing this unit. Also, consider taking a field trip to a rural area with little or no artificial light when it is dark. Seeing the night sky far from light pollution is a spectacular sight.

World View
The unit takes a general Christian worldview that supports Creationism. The unit does not attempt to define how long it took God to make items in the universe, thus, making it work for Christians who believe in a young earth theory or an old earth theory. If parents want to get into more detail on dates and time periods of the universe, they can include the doctrines specific to their own beliefs.

Read-Aloud Recommendations
This unit includes so many mini books that no additional read-alouds are needed. However, if you would like to include additional read-alouds, the following books are recommended:

- *Along Came Galileo* by Jeanne Bendick (recommended for ages 8–11)
  This 95-page book features large print and nice black and white illustrations. Geared toward children ages 8-11, the writing is understandable and engaging. Overall, this is a fantastic book.

- *Story of Neil Armstrong* by Don Brown (recommended for ages 4–11)
  This short book with great illustrations includes information not covered in the unit, making it a good extension to the unit.

- *What’s Out There: A Book About Space* by Lynn Wilson (recommended for ages 4–10)
  This book includes some information not covered in the unit, but mainly works great as a review of concepts learned in the unit. It has cute illustrations geared to younger children.

- *Pluto: From Planet to Dwarf* by Elaine Landau (recommended for ages 8–14)
  This science unit mentions that Pluto used to be a major planet in our solar system and explains why that changed. However, this unit does not give information about Pluto itself. This book works nicely as an extension to the unit, giving information on Pluto and other space science topics.

Videos
Some of the lessons include suggestions for more than one video to watch, especially for older children. If you are planning a schedule, you might want to add 1–3 extra days to watch videos if you have children in Grades 4 and above.