

the Early Bird Savings Club



Quarterly Newsletter for Kids

The Great Wall of China

You've probably heard that The Great Wall of China is the only man-made thing that can be seen from space. It's just not true, sort of.

With modern technology, we can zoom in on our own backyards now. Open up Google Earth and you can see almost everything.

But can you see The Great Wall without big lenses or fancy satellites? Not exactly.

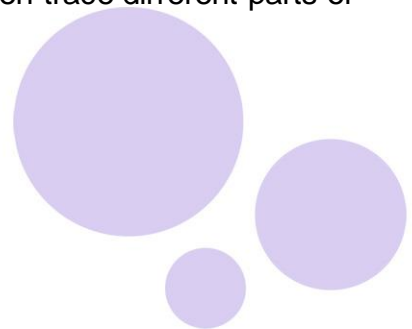
Although it is long (many miles long), the Great Wall of China is thin. And it's not one wall. There are lots of walls built at different times.



Even though you can't make out the wall itself, you can see unnatural shapes. But you can do this with roads and railroad tracks. Long, even lines stand out.

At night every city in the world stands out in space. Off the coast of Dubai, you can see islands in the shape of palm trees. In many places around the globe, you can see reservoirs created by dams on rivers.

One thing that can be fun is flying around on Google Earth and trying to find things you can see without zooming in too close. You can play games with friends: who can find the most shipwrecks or other odd things! You can even trace different parts of The Great Wall of China!



Why You Should Save

Saving money might not be a fun thing to do. Someone gave it to you, it's yours! When someone gives you a new toy, you don't set it aside and wait to play with it. You rip open the box as soon as you can and start playing!



One reason you should save is very comparable to toys. If you put your money into a savings account, you'll earn interest. That means you make more money. If you save a toy in the box it will go up in value.

Another reason to save is so you have money for later. If you go out and spend it all right now, what happens if you need it for something you want later? Or when you're a grownup, you need money to fix your car?

Saving means having more later. If you save, you can buy more later. If your aunt gives you ten dollars for your birthday, you can only buy ten dollars worth of stuff. But if you save up the money you get, then you can buy a lot more stuff. A bigger Lego set, a new bike, or that hoverboard.

Saving is important. It might not seem as fun as getting what you want now, but you'll get more later, or have the money on hand so you don't have to borrow to cover an unexpected cost.

