

OJIIG CONSTELLATION TRACING

When you look up at the sky at night, do you ever notice patterns in the stars?

People all over the world have been seeing patterns in the stars for time immemorial! In this territory there is a lot of knowledge stored within giizhig (sky). The Anishinnabeg have many different stories and teachings about the anang, or the stars. Anishinaabe constellations reflect knowledge about the changing seasons, movement of the Earth and subsistence activities. They also guide the timing of ceremonies, hunting and seasonal storytelling. The constellations may represent stories but they are also Sky Beings in their own rite.



The story of the Ojiig Anang, the Fisher, is told not just to remember the stars, but also to teach us about sharing, autumn, gratitude, the movement of the seasons and much more!

Scan the code on your smartphone camera to watch the story of Ojig Anang from Lessons of The Earth and Beyond as told by Isaac Murdoch.



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Or use this link:
<https://tinyurl.com/4uwefwv8>



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Once you have listened to this story, use the picture of the stars below and see if you can draw the outline of Ojiig!

On a clear night, look to see if you can find Ojiig in the night sky.

Materials
Sky Chart
Paper
Writing
utensil

What position is Ojiig in?
Are they pointed upwards or
towards the horizon?

Binoculars can
actually be used at
night to better
observe stars!

