

Kids page Snow day!

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No two snowflakes alike

There's no day like a snow day! What other time can you build a snowman, sled down a slippery hill, or throw a snowball?

Wilson Bentley was a boy who loved snow days. Growing up in Vermont just after the Civil

War, he had fun playing in the heaps of snow that fell each winter on his family's farm.

When he turned 15, Wilson got a microscope for his birthday. One snowy day he decided to look at a snowflake under the lens. He was amazed at what he saw! The crystal ice formation looked like a tiny work of art.

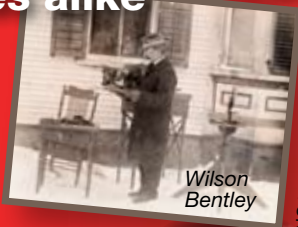
Wilson later attached a camera to his microscope so he could photograph snowflakes. He captured thousands of stunning snow crystal images during his lifetime, earning him the title of "Snowflake" Bentley. His work was published in magazines and a book.

Wilson never found two snowflakes that were exactly alike. Each detailed design was different in some way from all the rest.

People are kind of like snowflakes. Of all the kids God has ever created, there has never been anyone else exactly like you. You are a special work of art, with all kinds of unique gifts and talents and ideas.

Maybe, like Wilson "Snowflake" Bentley, you'll discover something new or beautiful that you can share with the rest of the world. Whatever the future holds, you can be sure God has an awesome plan just for you.

"You, O God, are my king. ... It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter" (Psalm 74:12,17, NIV).



Wilson Bentley

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Try this!

If it snows where you live, try taking a closer look at the individual snowflakes. You may be surprised at what you see.

First, place a piece of black construction paper on a cookie sheet and lightly mist it with water. Then put it in your freezer. Next time it snows, take the paper outside, catch a few flakes on it, and examine them under a magnifying glass. Draw sketches of the different shapes you find.



Kelly Clark

The REAL PRIZE

Champion snowboarder Kelly Clark won a gold medal in the women's half-pipe at the 2002 Olympics when she was only 18.

But the greatest moment in Kelly's life was when she asked Jesus to be her Savior. "I'm just so in love with Him," Kelly told CBN. "Every time I think of Him I have to tell Him I love Him."



JUST FOR laughs

What's a snowflake's favorite game?
Freeze tag.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Snow.
Snow who?
Snow use hiding.
I know you're in there.



Did you know?

Most raindrops begin as ice crystals, melting when they hit warm air near the Earth's surface. Snow falls when the air stays cold enough to keep the crystals frozen on their journey to the ground.

Enter to win!

Create fake snow and more with this weather science kit. (Recommended for ages 8 and up. Parental supervision required.) Enter online by January 21 at tpe.ag.org, or mail an entry postmarked on or before that date to Weather Kit Giveaway, Today's Pentecostal Evangel, 1445 N. Boonville Avenue, Springfield, Mo. 65802. You must have a parent's permission to enter.

