

Our Night Sky for January 19 th, 2026

If you have toddlers in your home, I'm sure you've been asked questions. It's part of learning; there are some questions they may not have gotten to yet that perhaps you can get a step ahead of them or maybe even present small morsels of information ahead of the questions and turn it into a shared learning experience. I'm talking about the night sky of course. If your children are still pretty young, the next evening you're loading them in or out of the car look up from due east about halfway to overhead and point out mighty Jupiter, our largest planet. You could follow that up with a few details from a quick search on your phone, how many moons does Jupiter have? That would be 95 but some are getting pretty small. This could lead to lots more learning. Or you could swing around to southwest and about 20 degrees or two hand widths above the horizon is our second largest planet Saturn but it will set by about 10 pm, so this is really easy to find about 7 pm but is getting pretty low after 8 or 8:30. The other two gas giants are in this general area but difficult to spot for children and the rest of the planets are in the daytime sky near the sun. So, if they still are interested you could move on to easy constellations like the big dipper in the north or the hunter Orion high in the southern sky. There is a lot of easy to source children's entertainment in Our Night Sky