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Introduction

He saw the beautiful lights of the spaceship—above him, in the dark night sky. It flew up and up. He looked sadly at it. His friends were in that spaceship, and he was a long, long way from home.

One night, E.T. comes to Earth with his friends on a spaceship. The visitors have to leave again quickly, but E.T. is too late. The spaceship goes without him.

E.T. likes Earth, but it is a dangerous place for him. He meets an Earth boy, Elliott, and goes to his home. Elliott loves E.T. and wants to help him. But there are scientists in the streets of the little town. They are looking for E.T.

E.T. has to get away. He wants to go home. But how?

Steven Spielberg's movie, *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial* (1982), is one of the most famous movies of all time. Millions of children, and their parents, know and love Melissa Mathison's beautiful story of the little visitor from the stars and his new Earth friend.

Now, after twenty years, this great movie is in our theaters again. More families can see the movie—and they can also read E.T.'s exciting story.