

# PERSPECTIVES OF THE DAY

## CHANGING PERSPECTIVES

### NATIONAL DAY

#### International LEGO Day

January 28<sup>th</sup> is International LEGO Day! This day is a

HOW DO YOU ORGANIZE A SPACE  
PARTY?  
YOU PLANET!

national day for the beloved plastic building blocks that have evolved into works of art. Legos were first created in 1932, in the carpentry workshop of a Danish furniture maker named Ole Kirk Christanson. He made miniature versions of his furniture during the Great Depression

and shortly after started producing toys. The company was created in 1934 and was named after the Danish phrase 'leg Godt' which means play well. At first, these toys were made from wood but after WW2 plastic became available in Denmark and the company purchased a plastic injection molding machine. One of the first toys



#### TODAY IN HISTORY

- IN 1813, PRIDE AND PREJUDICE BY JANE AUSTEN IS PUBLISHED IN THE UK.
- IN 1944, BERNSTEIN'S SYMPHONY JEREMIAH PREMIERS IN PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.
- IN 1956, ELVIS PRESLEY MAKES HIS FIRST NATIONAL TV APPEARANCE ON THE DORSEY BROTHERS STAGE SHOW.
- IN 1957, TONIGHT! AMERICA AFTER DARK PREMIERS WITH JACK LESCOULIE AND AL COLLINS ON NBC.
- IN 1986, THE SPACE SHUTTLE CHALLENGER EXPLODES 73 SECONDS AFTER LIFTOFF.

to be created with the mold was a truck that could be taken apart and put back together. In 1947, the company obtained samples of interlocking plastic bricks with four studs on top produced by Hilary Fisher Page. In 1949 LEGO started producing similar bricks made from cellulose acetate and called them Automatic Binding Bricks. In the 1950s, LEGO attempted to enter foreign markets but consumers still preferred wood or metal over plastic

toys. They were criticized for their limited locking ability and lack of versatility. LEGO incorporated hollow tubes inside the bricks which added base support and more diverse interlocking opportunities. In 1960 a fire destroyed most of the wooden toy inventory and over the next two years the production of LEGO wheels caused the company to change the production material from cellulose acetate to acrylonitrile

butadiene styrene which was more resistant to heat and acid and they have been using this ever since. Over the next three decades, LEGO will open their Legoland attractions and evolve to create not only small toys like vehicles but even large models like famous buildings or ships. LEGO is still one of the most popular toys and puzzles today, observe today by making a model or creating your own creation!

**The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert  
and of sober mind so that you may pray.**

**-1 Peter 4:7**

## TODAY'S INTERESTING FACT

### Interesting Fact

Today is the anniversary of the space shuttle Challenger explosion in 1986. The Challenger was named after the British corvette that was the command ship from the Challenger Expedition which was a global marine research expedition. It was initially manufactured as a test article not intended for space flight and was used for ground testing. When the expenses to upgrade the original shuttle, Enterprise, deemed to be too steep, NASA shifted gears to upgrading the Challenger as it would be less expensive. In April 1983 it made its maiden voyage and ten other voyages after, spending 62 days in space and completing almost 1,000 orbits around Earth. On January 28<sup>th</sup> 1986, a seven person crew including one civilian teacher were scheduled to deploy a commercial communications satellite and study Hailey's Comet. Just over a minute after liftoff, one of the O-Ring seals in one of the solid rocket boosters failed to contain pressurized burning gas that leaked out of the booster and caused the external tank to explode. None of the crew survived. The recovered parts of the shuttle are stored in abandoned missile silos and there is a piece of the fuselage on display at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in Florida.

## TRIVIA

### Trivia

What was the first LEGO building set?

A: Skyscraper

B: Boat

C: Garage with automatic door

D: Castle