

My Journey Home

Family Connection

This week your child is reading a story titled *Kitten's First Full Moon*. The story follows the silly antics of a kitten who thinks the full moon is a bowl of milk.



Moon Changes In this story, kitten sees a full moon. Go outside at night with your child and observe the shape of the moon. Talk with your child about how the appearance of the moon changes in the sky each night.

CHALLENGE

Observe the moon for a month with your child. Draw a picture of the moon each night and discuss its changes.



Vocabulary on the Go Write the letter *D* in the middle of a sheet of paper. Then write this week's vocabulary words, *down* and *do*, around the letter. Have your child read the words. Then, ask what letter is at the beginning of both words. Work with your child to write other words that begin with the letter *D*.



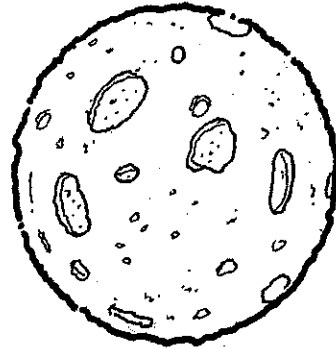
Act Like a Cat The kitten in the story tries several things to catch the moon, such as climbing a tree. Play a listening game. Have your child pretend to be a kitten, and then give your child three directions to follow such as *clean your fur*, *chase a mouse*, and *climb on the couch*. Then switch roles and allow your child to give you three directions to follow.

Goopy Moon Painting With your child, read and discuss the instructions for making a goopy painting of the moon.

Moon Painting

Materials

- ½ cup white liquid glue
- ½ cup foam shaving cream
- black construction paper



Directions

1. Place the glue and shaving cream in a bowl. Mix with a mixer for 2 to 3 minutes.
2. Place a small scoop of the mixture in the middle of the black construction paper.
3. Paint a circular moon using your fingers or a paintbrush.

Moon Rhyme Share this traditional moon rhyme with your child:
Hey diddle, diddle, The cat and the fiddle, The cow jumped over the moon;
The little dog laughed To see such sport, And the dish ran away with the spoon.



Book Links

- *Goodnight Moon*, by Margaret Wise Brown
- *Five Little Kittens*, by Nancy Geller Jewell **CHALLENGE**



Internet Challenge You might enjoy looking at some photos that show what the moon's craters and ridges look like up close. Search the Internet for moon images.