

THEME DAY: OUTER SPACE

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SESSION 1

LET'S LEARN ABOUT PLANETS!

1-2-3 Blast-Off! Are you ready for takeoff? Begin with these intro questions:

- *What do you already know about outer space?
- **What do you think it's like in outer space?
- ***Is there anything that would be difficult about going to outer space?
- ****Would you ever want to visit a planet? Which one? Why?



- What does it look like in space? Use **chalk on black or dark blue paper** to show kids what outer space looks like OR let them imagine on their own!
- Learning about Planets with this **catchy song** and **short video**: [click here!](#)
- **Space Mobile** - Supplies: wire hanger, string, pictures of planets, tape
 - > Draw the sun on one end of the hanger and connect strings with each of the other planets.
 - > Discuss: Which planet is closest to the sun? Which is farthest? What is different about the planets closer and farther from the sun?
- **Learning the letter P** - Draw an uppercase and lowercase P on a paper - can you color/paint it in with colors that start with p? Can you draw objects around it that begin with the letter P?



Pp

SESSION 2

CAN WE GO TO THE MOON?

- What type of helmet do you think astronauts wear? Using **recycled boxes** and anything else you find around your house, **make a helmet** for your little astronauts so they can be safe in space!
- **Outer Space Bingo** is a great way to review everything about the planets and our galaxy. [Click here](#) for a free printable Bingo game.
- **Moon Rock Hunt**
 - Part 1- make tinfoil balls into different shapes and sizes.
 - Part 2- hide the balls and have someone else go find them!
- Looking for a sensory activity? Make **Moon Sand** with a mixture of **flour and baby oil** - [click here](#) for the quick how-to.
- [Mystery Science website](#) - search "outer space" for tons of cool space ideas! Make a quick free login and [click here](#) to learn about what happens to astronauts balance, height and muscles while in space! (Geared towards older kids)
- Make an outer space **sensory bottle**. Search [here](#) for fun ideas or simply add some food coloring, water, glitter and foam cutout stars to any recycled bottle with a tight seal.



BOOKS

[Click here](#) for a whole list of awesome books to read!

*Don't have any of those books? Listen to "There's No Space Like Space" By Dr. Seuss - [click here!](#)

FOOD IDEAS

Healthy moon snacks, rocket fruit kebob, solar system cupcakes



SCREEN TIME

- Cosmic Kids Outer Space- [click here](#)
- The Magic School Bus Gets Lost in Space (Season 1)
- Story Bots - Where Do Planets Come From? (Season 3)
- [How to Brush Your Teeth In Space](#) (short clip)