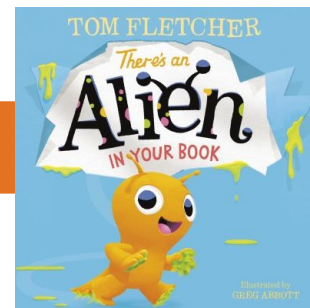
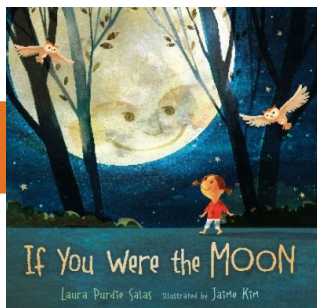


# TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



## tales' tip

Even *SINGING* little rhymes can present knowledge about our world. "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" is a short rhyme about how stars are far up in the sky and glow like a diamond. These types of rhymes introduce young children to basic concepts in a fun, memorable way.

(Every Child Ready to Read tip cards)

## activity

Go outside at night and look up at the stars.

Encourage your child to make up their own shapes and stories using the stars they see!

Grownups can help spark curiosity by sharing fun facts about real constellations and how people have used them to tell stories for centuries.

## READ

### [A Way to the Stars](#)

by David Almond

### [Hello, Moon](#)

by Evan Turk

### [The Comet](#)

by Joe Todd-Stanton

### [Moon Babies](#)

by Karen Jameson

## PLAY

Gather some toy rockets, astronaut gear, and a few stuffed alien or animal friends for a space mission! "Pretend play like going on a space adventure helps children explore their imagination, practice problem-solving, and learn how to cooperate with others."

(PBS Kids)

## SING

### **Moon Phases**

Tune: *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*

New Moon, New Moon, dark and small,  
You don't seem to shine at all.  
Waxing Crescent, silver and bright,  
Growing slowly every night.

First Quarter shows half the face,  
Shining gently into space.  
Waxing Gibbous, almost wide,  
Getting full with every stride.

Full Moon, Full Moon, big and bright,  
Glowing in the sky at night.  
Waning Gibbous starts to wane,  
Losing light, but not in vain.

Third Quarter is half once more,  
Now the other side we score.  
Waning Crescent, just a grin,  
Soon the cycle starts again!

## digital fun

### [Moon Journal for Kids](#)

by PBS Kids

<https://www.pbs.org/parents/printables/my-moon-journal>

## TALK

Identify the shapes you see and TALK about them with your children. Circles and triangles are often parts of letters. Being able to see shapes will help children later recognize letters. Knowing letters and their names is one of the skills children need to learn to read.

(Every Child Ready to Read tip cards)

## WRITE

Writing about imaginary worlds helps kids stretch their creativity and build early writing skills.

Have your child draw their planet and then, if they can, write a few words about what makes it special! Encourage kids to share their planet with a family member. Creating for an audience builds confidence.