

Papa, Please Get the Moon For Me

by Eric Carle

Unique foldout pages and artistic illustrations bring this wonderful story of the moon to life.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *The moon changes in appearance over time. These changes are known as phases.* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder how long that ladder is because the moon is very, very far away?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *Papa, Please Get the Moon For Me*

- stretched: to extend the body to full length
- ladder: a device with rungs used for climbing up or down
- disappeared: vanished from sight
- sliver: a small narrow portion or something

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Have any of you ever wanted to go to the moon? Why or why not?
- How do you think the moon would feel if you touched it?
- Which moon do you like more, the larger full-moon or the smaller half-moon? Why?
- How long do you think it took papa to climb up the ladder to the moon?
- How do you think Monica felt when her dad gave her the moon?
- Which foldout in the book is your favorite? Why?

Do

Space Helmets

With large paper bags, cut square holes out of three sides. Cut off the bottom of the bag so that when the bag is on their head it just covers their ears. The children can decorate them by adding bits of foil, glitter, markers, crayons, etc.

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