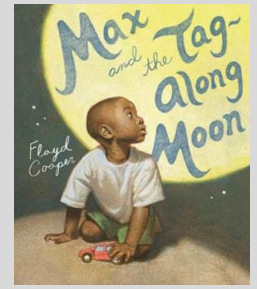




Max and the Tag-along Moon

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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own. To help make story time more interactive consider using the PEER method described below. Read more about the PEER method [here](#).

PEER

PROMPT

Prompt your child with a question. This will help your child engage more deeply with the book.

Example: Point to an object in the picture. "What is that?"

EVALUATE

Evaluate your child's response by agreeing or clarifying.

Example: "That's right! That's a balloon."

EXPAND

Expand on your child's response by connecting it to something they have experienced or by being more descriptive.

Example: "That's a big, red balloon! We saw one of those yesterday."

REPEAT

Repeat the prompt you started with and encourage your child to use what you've discussed to answer again.

Example: "Can you say big, red balloon?"

Activities

- » **During Reading:** Point out the location of the moon in each picture and talk about how it "hides" behind things.
- » **Moon Sand:** Make moon sand with your little one. The texture of this mixture is similar to the surface of the moon. The ratio to make moon sand is simple – 8 cups of all-purpose flour : 1 cup of vegetable oil.
- » **Pom Pom Moon Craft:** Use pom poms to make the moon using a paper plate and gray paint. The pom pom's texture helps create a crater look just like the moon!
- » **Observe the Moon:** Create a moon journal with your child. Each night for a week or a month have your child find the moon. Ask questions like "what shape is the moon tonight?" or "does the moon seem as bright tonight?". Have your child write or draw their observations in their moon journal. Point out how the moon changes.

