Moon Flip Book

Does the Moon always look the same? Of course it doesn’t! We call these changing shapes the Moon’s PHASES. The Moon appears a little different every day or night, and then begins to repeat its changes of shape or phase each month. In fact, the month is based on the changing Moon—it’s a “Moon-th.”

In this activity, your child will put together his or her own flip-book of the Moon’s phases.

What You Need:
- Moon Phases template
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Crayons
- Various craft items

What to Do:
- Cut along the dotted lines of each Moon phase.
- Put them in order according to the picture. (Start with the “Moon Phases Flip Book”)
- Align the right side of the book and staple the cover page and the phases together to create a flip book.
- Flip through the images to view the changing phases!

Parent Prompts:

Which phase is the Moon in today?

Invite your child to name the phases in order and to describe them.
Waxing Crescent

First Quarter

Waxing Gibbous

Waxing Gibbous
Full Moon/ Waning Gibbous

Waning Gibbous

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Waning Gibbous  Waning Gibbous

Third Quarter  Waning Crescent
Waning Crescent  Waning Crescent  New Moon

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