

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Michael will have a basic understanding of space, including planets, stars, and the concept of outer space. He will also engage in creative activities that enhance his learning and imagination about the universe.

Materials and Prep

- No specific materials are needed for this lesson.
- Prepare to use your imagination and describe space in fun ways.
- Be ready to ask questions and encourage Michael to think about what he knows about space.

Activities

- **Space Story Time:**

Read a fun story about space, like a tale of a little astronaut who visits different planets. Encourage Michael to use his imagination and think about what he would see in space.

- **Planet Dance:**

Have a dance party where each dance move represents a different planet. For example, spin like Saturn's rings or jump like a bouncing Mars. This helps him remember the planets while having fun!

- **Starry Night Drawing:**

Ask Michael to draw a picture of what he thinks space looks like. He can include stars, planets, and even aliens! This encourages creativity and expression.

- **Rocket Launch:**

Pretend to be astronauts and count down to a rocket launch. Use your arms to simulate the rocket taking off, and talk about what happens when rockets go into space.

Talking Points

- "Did you know that the stars are really, really far away? They twinkle because they are so far from us!"
- "There are eight planets in our solar system. Can you name any of them? What do you think they look like?"
- "Space is like a big, dark blanket filled with shiny stars and colorful planets. Isn't that cool?"
- "If you could be an astronaut, what planet would you want to visit? What would you do there?"