

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to identify and name the planets in our solar system, understand their basic characteristics, and have fun learning about space through engaging activities.

Materials and Prep

- Space-themed coloring sheets (you can draw planets on paper)
- Colored pencils or crayons
- Storytime book about planets (you can create a simple story)
- Open space for movement activities
- Imagination for creative play

Before the lesson, familiarize yourself with the order of the planets and some fun facts about each one to share during the activities.

Activities

- **Planet Coloring:** Start by coloring the planets using the coloring sheets. Talk about the colors of each planet while coloring. For example, "What color do you think Mars is?"
- **Planet Dance:** Create a fun dance for each planet! Assign movements that represent each planet's characteristics. For example, "Let's spin like Saturn's rings!"
- **Storytime Journey:** Read a simple story about a space adventure. Ask questions like, "What do you think the astronaut saw on Mars?" to engage them in the story.
- **Planet Walk:** Pretend to walk on different planets. Discuss how each planet feels. For example, "How do you think it feels to walk on Jupiter? Is it bouncy or heavy?"

Talking Points

- "Did you know there are 8 planets in our solar system? Let's learn their names together!"
- "Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun. It's super hot there! Can you feel the heat?"
- "Earth is our home! It has water and trees. What do you like about living on Earth?"
- "Jupiter is the biggest planet! It's like a giant ball. Can you make a big circle with your arms?"
- "Pluto used to be a planet, but now it's called a 'dwarf planet'. Isn't that funny? What do you think a dwarf planet is like?"