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Morning Circle

Introduce the letter "O" by playing a guessing game with the children. Say something like, "I'm thinking of a word that begins with 'o,' and it has feathers, is tall, and runs really fast." (Ostrich.) Give other clues as needed. Other words to guess could be "ocean," "ox," "owl," "oval," "oatmeal," and "onion."

Transition into today's topic by discussing the recent Christmas holiday. Spend some time just talking with the children about what they did, where they went, and what they got for Christmas. Remind them that the whole Christmas on is celebrated because of one special night. The Jesus was born! Explain that today's lesson is all about the nighttime. God made the night for very special reasons, and He was very happy when He made the night! What are some special things about night? The moon, stars, darkness, night animals, cooler air, sleep, dreams, etc.



Read Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me, by Eric Carle. Use the pictures to stimulate discussion about how the moon looks to us at different times.



Music & Movement

1. Take a trip to the moon! Guide children on a space launch. Later, watch a clip of the original moon landing.
2. To focus on the letter of the day, have an "O"utrageous "O"rchestra! Hand out outrageous instruments to the children like kazoos, clappers, jingle bells, triangles, ect... Form an "O"val and march to the music

Snack Time: Moon crackers. Cut swiss cheese into circles and place on round crackers.

Additional Activities

Have a pyjama party! Let everyone come dressed in their PJ's and bring their favorite cuddly. Break out the popcorn and the latest movie, dim the lights, and have a pyjama party at school!

(more optional resources online)

Center Activities

1. Moon rocks: Have a variety of rocks available along with magnifying glasses, reading lights, scales and balances, and scrap paper.
2. Astronaut dramatic play: Set up an area to be a moonscape. Use a large box like a refrigerator shipping box or other large appliance box and decorate it to be a rocketship or space shuttle.
3. Moon Phases: set up a discovery corner with posters and books set up showing the moon and its phases.

(additional ideas and activities online)

Bible Story



Bible Storytime:

Goodnight, Moon, by Margaret Wise Brown. Talk about how God watches over us all the time, even when we're sleeping, and that He never sleeps. Discuss how God provides everything we need, including the sun to warm and light our days, and the nighttime with its own restful light.



Bible Verse Bracelets:

God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. Genesis 1:16

Song: "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"

Art Activity

Eric Carle
Moon Pictures.

Give each child a large rectangle of blue paper. Let them brush white paint across it for a background, then let it dry. Next, give each child a circle of darker blue for the moon. Show them the pictures of the moon in the story, and ask them to create their own moons based on their responses to Carle's artwork. Provide white paint and let them fingerpaint their own beautiful moons. After the moons are dry, paste them onto the prepared backgrounds.