Storytime at Home
Man in the Moon

The moon! Both scientific and magical! Check out both sides of our nearest celestial neighbor in these books and activities. Each book is available online and can be accessed on a computer or device. Bonus points if you have one or two at home! Enrich the experience by doing the activities and singing the songs. Songs without a well-known tune have a link to a video to help.

READ
(Overdrive: You will need a Gretna barcode and your phone number to log in. Please return Overdrive books promptly so others can enjoy them. Scholastic: If you get a login page for BookFlix, go here and click any book. Then try these links again. They should always work after taking this step once.)

Night Boy by Anne Laurel Carter (TumbleBooks)
Beautiful Moon by Dawn Jeffers (TumbleBooks)
Happy Birthday, Moon by Frank Asch (Scholastic BookFlix)
Stars! Stars! Stars! by Bob Barner (Scholastic BookFlix, Overdrive)
Looking Through a Telescope by Linda Bullock (Scholastic BookFlix)
The Moon by Grace Hansen (Abdo Digital)
A Big Mooncake for Little Star by Grace Lin (Overdrive)
Earth Space Moon Base by Ben Joel Price (Overdrive)

WRITE & TALK
Look for the moon every day for a week. You may need to consult a calendar; keep in mind the moon may be up during the daytime. Have your child draw what the moon looks like each day. For fun, you can do this on black paper with a white crayon. Talk about how the moon changes each day and why.

If your child is missing friends and family, talk about how we all look up at the same moon.
SING & PLAY

Five Little Stars
Five little stars ready to soar.
One shot off and then there were four!
Four little stars winking at me.
One shot off and then there were three!
Three little stars with nothing to do.
One shot off, and then there were two!
Two little stars afraid of the sun.
One shot off, and then there was one!
One little star alone is no fun.
It shot off, and then there was none!

If You’re Going to the Moon
(to the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It”)
If you’re going to the moon, wear your boots. (stomp, stomp)
If you’re going to the moon, wear your boots.
If you’re going to the moon, this is what you have to do.
If you’re going to the moon, wear your boots.

—wear your gloves (clap, clap)
—wear your helmet (pat, pat)

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom
(YouTube – actions, YouTube – animated)
Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We’re going to the moon.
Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We’re going to the moon.
If you want to take a trip,
climb aboard my rocket ship.
Zoom, zoom, zoom,
We’re going to the moon.
In 5, 4, 3, 2, 1... Blast off!

--Far, far, far,
We're going to the stars
--Fun, fun, fun,
We're going to the sun

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are,
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.

(Trying doing the actions but only singing the song in your head. This is called audiating and is an important first step in a child’s music education.)