

# Phases of the Moon

(Grades 3–6)

Share *The Moon Book* by Gail Gibbons, paying special attention to the phases of the moon as seen from Earth. Introduce terms that describe the moon's phases, like "waxing," "waning," "crescent," and "gibbous." Provide each child with a "Phases of the Moon" activity sheet (see below). Children can use black writing utensils to create the phases of the moon on their sheets.

Use a black writing utensil to darken the part of the moon that is not visible during each of the eight phases of the moon. For example, a New Moon should be entirely black, while a Full Moon will have no black.

