

# Let's Go on a Space Trip

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*To tell this story, you'll want to seat the children in a circle or in rows as though they are in a space shuttle. Have them repeat each line and do all motions as a call-and-response.*

Hey, astronauts!

Let's go on a space trip.

Don't forget your toothbrush.

Time to suit up.

Put on your space suit.

Put on your helmet.

Climb aboard the spaceship.

Strap yourself in.

Ready to launch?

Count down time.

*10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, LIFT OFF!*

Now we're going faster!

Hold on tight! *(shake as though you are moving fast)*

Through Earth's atmosphere.

Now we're in space and gravity-free.

*(wave your arms as though you are floating)*

Wow, we're weightless!

Oh, look.

There's the moon! *(peer out a window)*

It's a big, big moon. *(make a big circle with your arms)*

Can't go over it.

Can't go under it.

Can't go through it.

Let's orbit around it.

Oh, look. There's the sun! *(peer out a window)*

It's so bright it hurts my eyes. *(squint and shade your eyes)*

Nope, we can't go there.

Better turn around.

Oh, look.

There are the eight planets! (*peer out a window*)

Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune.

Let's try that again.

Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune.

My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nachos!

Can't go over them.

Can't go under them.

Can't go through them.

Let's orbit around them.

Mercury, zoom.

Venus, zoom.

Earth? Never mind. We know that one already.

Mars, zoom.

Jupiter, zoom.

Saturn, zoom.

Uranus, zoom.

Neptune, zoom.

That's a lot of zooming.

I miss my home sweet home: Earth!

Time to orbit back.

Look, there's Earth.

What a beautiful blue ball.

Now it's getting closer.

We're reentering Earth's atmosphere.

Hold tight! (*shake as though you are moving fast*)

The space capsule's parachute is open.

We're floating down.

**SPLASH DOWN!**

Earth! Home sweet home!