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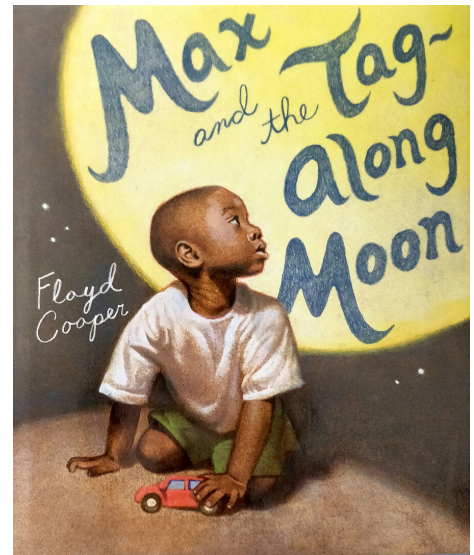
Family Activity Sheet

Experience the wonder of the Moon following you home with Coretta Scott King award-winning illustrator **Floyd Cooper**!

Max and the Tag -Along Moon

Synopsis: Grandpa reminds Max that the Moon above them at Grandpa's house is the same moon that will follow him all the way home. But when the sky darkens and the Moon disappears behind clouds, Max worries that it did not follow him home after all.

[Click here to purchase **Max and the Tag-Along Moon**](#)



After reading **Max and the Tag-Along Moon** consider these questions.

- Do you think the Moon really follows us around?
- Where do you think the Moon went when it disappeared?
- Do you think the Moon ever stops shining, for example, like during the day?



Reginald F. Lewis Museum Connection:

Benjamin Banneker is considered by many to be the first African American scientist. He was a self-educated astronomer, scientist, and author during the 1700s.

Banneker studied the stars at night time and used math to calculate their movement. In 1792, Banneker published his astronomical evidence and weather predictions in a calendar called an **Almanac**.

Family Activities

Moon and Star Mobile

You Will Need: Pencil
1 Paper Plate
Scissors
Paint, Markers, Crayons
2 Pieces of String
Optional:
Stickers
Hole punch



Instructions:

1. Trace a crescent moon and star on a paper plate using the pencil.
2. Use the scissors to cut out the moon and star.
3. Decorate the moon and star with the paint, markers, or crayons. Add stickers if available.
4. Cut or punch out two holes in the tip of the moon close together and one hole in the point of the star.
5. Thread and secure a string through one of the holes in the moon and the hole in the star.
6. Thread and secure the other string through the remaining hole in the moon.

Paper Tube Telescope

You Will Need: Paper tube
Construction or colored paper
Scissors
Tape
Markers, crayons, or paint
Optional:
Stickers



Instructions:

1. Find a paper tube from a paper towel roll or gift wrap roll.
2. Cut the construction or colored paper to fit around the paper tube.
3. Cover the outside of the tube with construction paper. Use the tape to secure the paper around the tube.
4. Decorate the paper covered tube with markers, crayons or paint. Add stickers if available or cut out shapes from remaining construction or colored paper.
5. Remember to never look directly at the Sun.

Family Activities

Family Stargazing

Learn about the moon as a family. Spend time outdoors and observe the night sky like Benjamin Banneker. Discuss what you see in the night sky. Record what you see using the **Night Sky Journal** below.

NIGHT SKY JOURNAL

Sketch your observations of the night sky for two nights. How is the sky similar or different between the two nights?

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