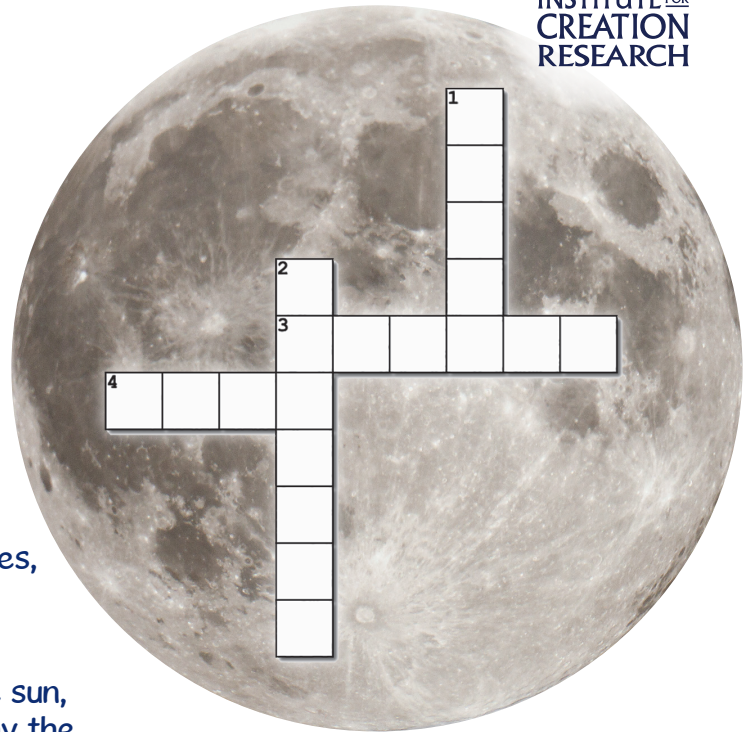


When you look up in the sky tonight, take a moment to appreciate God's amazing moon! As it reflects light from the sun, this cratered ball of rock provides a gentle glow in the darkness. But the moon is more than just a jumbo-size nightlight! Did you know...

- ✓ Genesis 1 tells us God made the moon to rule the night and to mark the passing of time and changing seasons.
- ✓ The moon's gravity helps cause Earth's ocean tides, which clean the seashores and keep our oceans from stagnating.
- ✓ God made the moon 400 times smaller than the sun, but it's also 400 times closer to Earth. That's why the moon can block the big sun during a solar eclipse.
- ✓ The moon goes through eight phases as the sun shines on different parts of it throughout each month. The moon "waxes" when it shines brighter each night and "wanes" as it turns darker.



Crossword Puzzle

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1. The moon rules the _____.
2. When the moon blocks our view of the sun from Earth, it's called a solar _____.

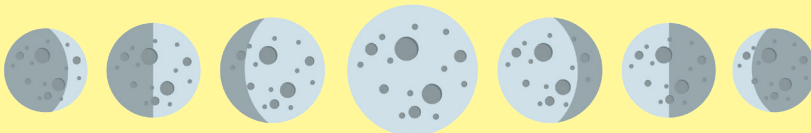
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3. A bowl-shaped hole in the surface of the moon is called a _____.
4. When the moon appears fully lit by the sun, it's called a _____ moon.

Answers: 1. night, 2. eclipse, 3. crater, 4. full

Match the Moon Phases

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| 1. Waxing gibbous | 3. Last quarter | 5. Waning crescent | 7. Full moon |
| 2. Waning gibbous | 4. First quarter | 6. Waxing crescent | |



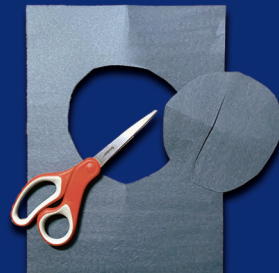
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Moon Craft

Supplies: white paper; black paper; chalk, masking tape, and scissors



Add pieces of tape to make a circle on the white paper.



Cut a circle out of the black paper.



Tape the white paper to the black paper.



Add stars to the black paper with chalk.



Tape the moon to a lamp or window to see it glow.