

## 2 – 4 Year Olds Children's Meeting

### LESSON 9 -- THE SUN AND PLANETS

**TEACHERS:** Pray together and read Genesis 1:14-19

**OPENING TIME** Sing songs from Toddler song book--Now it's night time (Lesson 2)

**MEMORY VERSE:** "... Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundation of the earth ..." Zechariah 12:1b

#### LESSON:

1. On the fourth day God created the sun, moon and stars. God created these lights for the earth.
2. In the heaven God placed the sun and other planets. Together, it is called the solar system. Our sun is a star. It is made up of burning gases that give off heat and light. The word "solar" means connected to the sun." Planets circle around the sun in paths called orbits. Our earth is called a planet. As our earth circles around the sun it also spins or rotates. The sun is always shining, but the rotation of the earth as it orbits gives us day and night. From one breakfast time to the next breakfast is one day.
3. The planets have names: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.
4. The earth is very special. It is the only planet that has plenty of water. All the water makes our planet, earth, look blue when seen from a rocket high above the earth. The earth also has air for us to breathe, and good soil. The earth is exactly the right distance from the sun so that all living things can grow.
5. The other planets do not have all these pleasant items that are good for man to live. Only earth is just right for man!

#### ACTIVITIES:

Show the children the pictures of the solar system as the lesson is given.

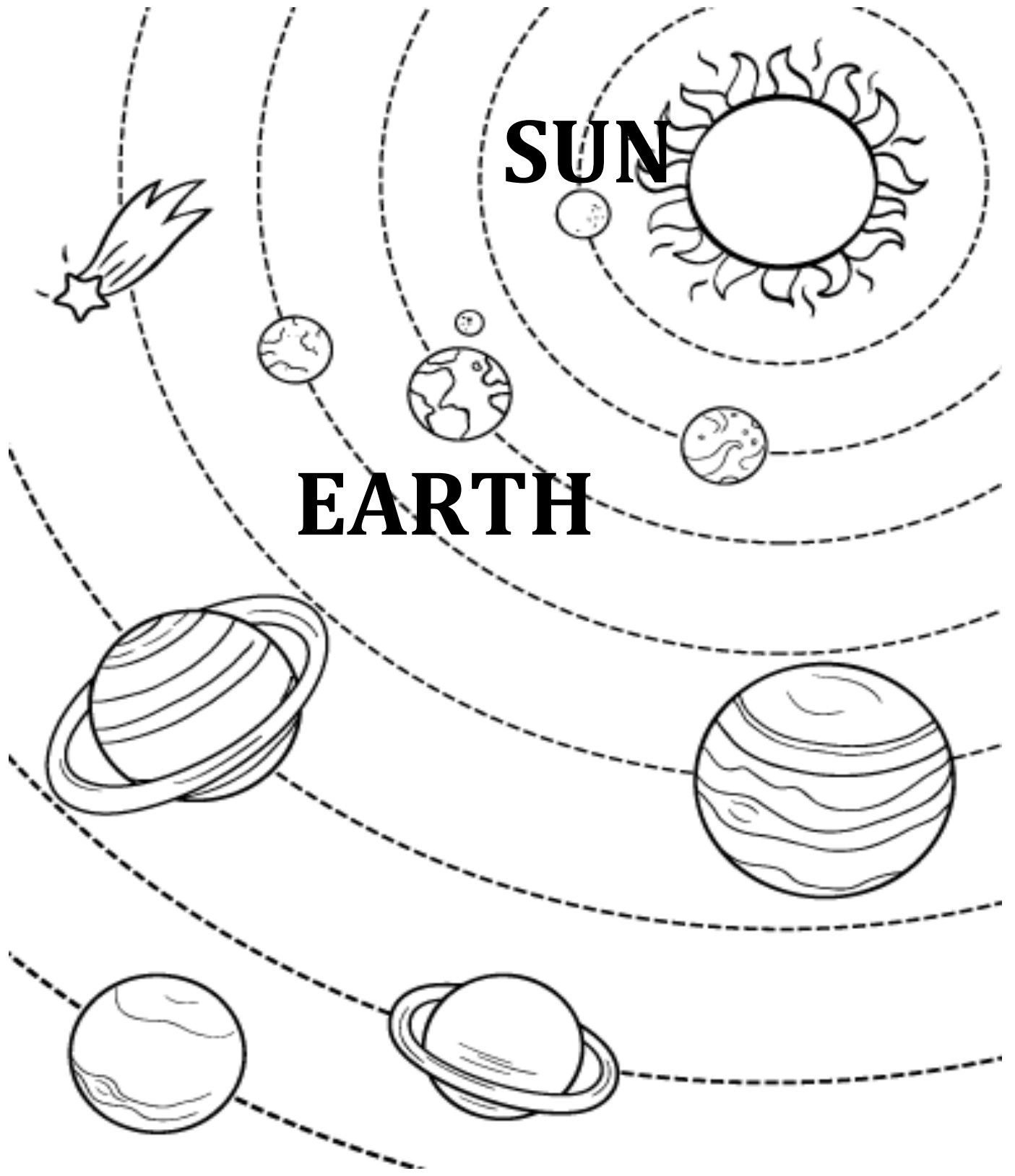
Use the flashlight as the sun, and the blow up globe as the earth to illustrate when the globe turns away from the shining sun, part of it becomes dark.

#### Coloring page

#### Craft

Use buttons / bottle lids ...





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