

# Dramatic Play Plan

## Outer Space

### MATERIALS

- ✓ Rocket Ship
- ✓ Control Panel \*
- ✓ Walkie-talkies
- ✓ Outer Space\*
- ✓ Space Ships
- ✓ Planets
- ✓ Astronaut helmet

### SETUP

1. Designate an area to be “outer space” where the children can float around in zero gravity and explore the planets and stars.
2. Set up space shuttle with controllers and respective props
3. Can also set up craft stations for planets and stars

### RO

- Astron
- Groun
- Rocke

\*= Not provided. Use your imagination.

**Intro:** *“Once upon a time there was a little boy who wanted to grow up to be an astronaut. His father was an astronaut and he dreamed of walking on the moon since he was a little boy and his dad took him to sit inside of the space shuttle. The space shuttle was full of buttons and fancy chairs with big seat belts. He got to eat astronaut food, try on a space suit and float around in the zero gravity chamber. It was that day that the little boy said to his dad, “One day, I’ll wave to you from the moon!”*

*Today we are going to visit outer space and the moon! We’ll get to learn about the planets and see the stars. The astronauts will visit space and walk around the mood, the ground controllers will get the astronauts ready to go into space and will talk to them while they’re in space, and the rocket scientists will be in charge of making sure the space shuttles are ready to go into space.”*

### ACTIVITY 1 – SET UP & DISCUSSION

Discuss some of the things that you might see in outer space. Create an outer space area with black cloth and decorate planets and stars to hang up around the dramatic play area.

- What do you think it’s like in space?
- What do astronauts wear?
- What do astronauts eat?

### ACTIVITY 2 – BLASTOFF/IN THE SPACE SHUTTLE

- Set up space shuttle
- Astronauts get in their space suits while ground controllers get ready for blastoff
- The rocket scientists check and fix the space shuttle
- Ground controllers count down for take-off
- Use walkie-talkies to talk to each other in space
- EXPANSION: “Oh no, it looks like there’s something wrong with the engine. We need to let everyone know and fix it!”

### ACTIVITY 3 – IN OUTER SPACE

- Astronauts float around in zero gravity
- Ground controllers tell astronauts where to find planets and stars
- EXPANSION: “Oh no! It’s a meteor shower!”
- Astronauts walk on the moon
- EXPANSION: “Let’s take a video to show to everyone back on Earth what the moon looks like.”