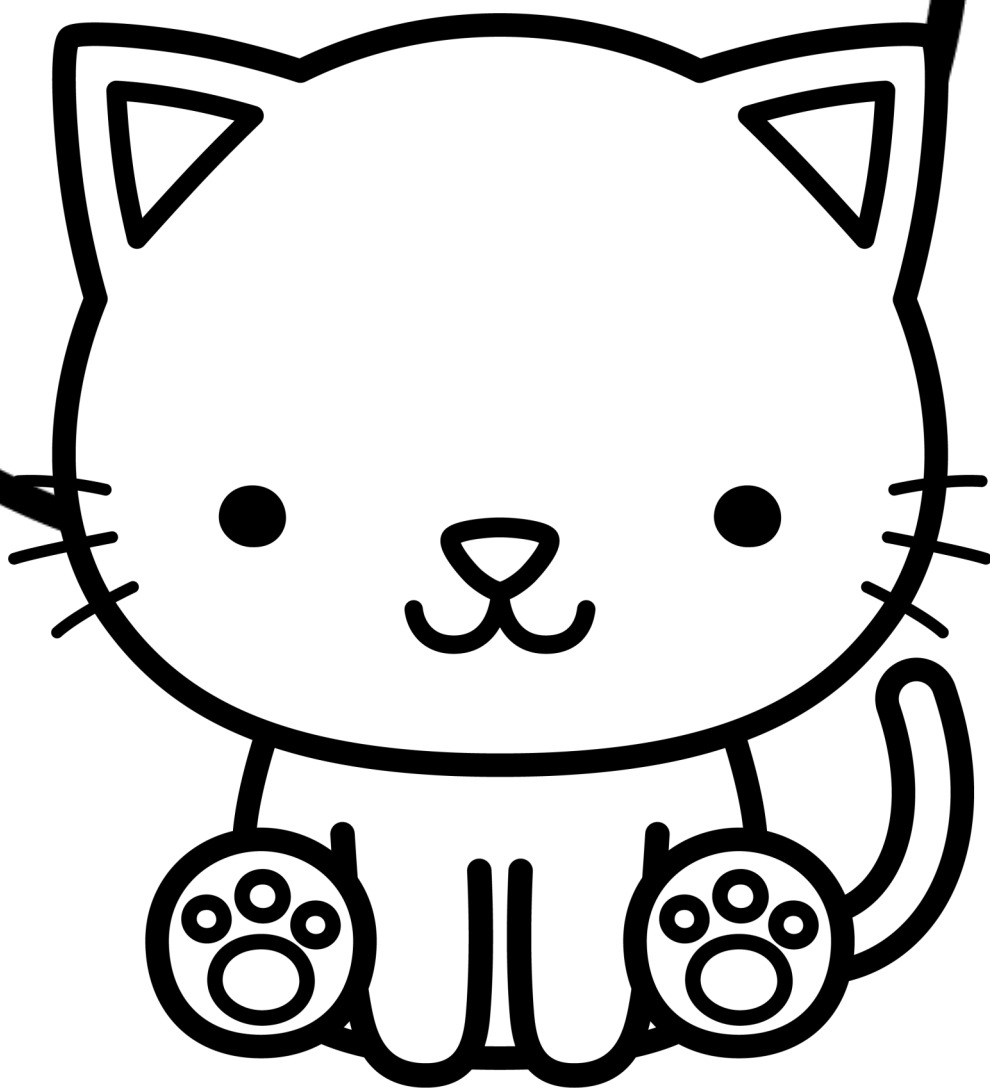


# Kitten's First Full Moon



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## *Language Arts*

### **Before You Read**

Before you read the book to your child, look through the pictures together and ask your child to narrate a story based on the illustrations.

### **Dramatic Play**

Use whatever you have on hand to create a cat costume for your children. I used some scrap batting, scrap t-shirts, and a headbands to create costumes for my kids



If you want to make masks (and if you have cardstock and elastic on hand), you can simply print and decorate a cat mask using the printable provided.

Let your student act out her favorite part of the story!

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## *Social Studies*

### **Facial Expressions**

Look through the book with your child and observe the kitten's facial expressions. Name the emotion the kitten portrays in each expression.

→ Make the My Feelings Book.

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## *Bible*

### **Bible: Memory Verse: Colossians 3:23**

You can sing this verse together all week long! Sing it to the tune of Frere Jaques:

"Whatever you do,  
Whatever you do,  
Work at it,  
Work at it,  
With all your heart,  
With all your heart,  
Colossians  
3:23"

→ Add the Bible Memory verse heart to your lapbook.

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## *Art*

### **Art: Grayscale**

Discuss the grayscale illustrations in the book--especially observing the white kitten, white moon, and the dark night sky. Offer your children gray, silver, and black markers, pens, pencils, and crayons. Make your own piece of artwork using these colors.

Draw or trace your own kitten and shade it as desired for the front of your lapbook.



### Art Activity: Color Changing Milk

In the story, kitten thinks the moon is a little bowl of milk in the sky. Have fun with this milk activity.

Supplies: milk (whole or 2%), dinner plate, food coloring (red, yellow, green, blue), dish-washing soap, cotton swab.

Directions:

Pour enough milk in the dinner plate to completely cover the bottom. Allow it to settle.

Add one drop of each of the four colors of food coloring to the milk. Keep the drops close together in the center of the plate of milk.

Touch the tip of the cotton swab to the center of the milk. It's important not to stir the mix. Just touch it with the tip of the cotton swab.

Now place a drop of liquid dish soap on the other end of the cotton swab. Place the soapy end of the cotton swab back in the middle of the milk and hold it there for 10 to 15 seconds. What happens?

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## *Science and Math*

### **Science: Reflection**

Why does the kitten jump in the lake? She sees the moon reflecting on the water and thinks it's that bowl of milk and within her reach! Talk about reflection with your student. Get some hand-held or compact mirrors and let your student create reflections of objects around him. You can also use a kaleidoscope to discuss reflection. If you want to make a kaleidoscope with your student, search the internet for a how-to.

If your student is enjoying using the mirror to reflect things, try [this simple symmetry activity](#).

### **Science: Pet Care**

Discuss kitten care and complete the Taking Care of a Kitten Book and add it to your lapbook.

### **Science: Moon & Stars**

Spend some time this week observing all the night sky has to offer! Read the story of creation together and remind your student who created the moon and the stars.

Discuss the moon and how it looks different throughout the month. Has your student ever seen a full moon? Why is the moon so small sometimes? Explain to your student that the moon doesn't shrink and grow. The moon doesn't really change; it just looks different as it goes around the Earth. If your student is interested in the moon, explore the moon with Google Moon.

Complete the Moon Phases accordion and the Moon simple fold and add them to your lapbook.

### **Science: Light**

The moon and stars are both light sources. What other things provide light for us? Is there something in the story? (the fireflies). Discuss light and make the Light T-book to add to your lapbook.

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## *Just for Fun*

### Kitty Cat Lunch

Feed your child a "kitty cat" lunch: tuna sandwiches, goldfish crackers, and milk.

### Field Trip Idea

Go to a pet store and learn more about how to care for a kitten. You could also visit your local animal shelter.

### Library List

*The Milk Makers* by Gail Gibbons

*Jenny's Surprise Summer* by Eugenie

*Three Little Kittens* by Paul Galdone

*Hi, Cat!* by Ezra Jack Keats

*Have You Seen My Cat?* by Eric Carle

*On The Moon* by Anna Milbourne

*Cats* by Anna Milbourne

*The Moon Seems to Change* by Franklyn M. Branley

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# My Feelings



Mad

**Directions:** Cut out each page. Stack pages together with cover on top and staple at the top. Let your student cut and paste the pictures to the pages of the book.

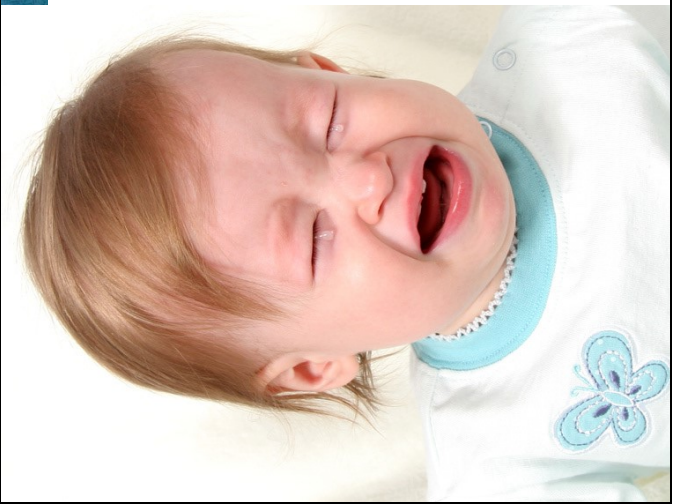
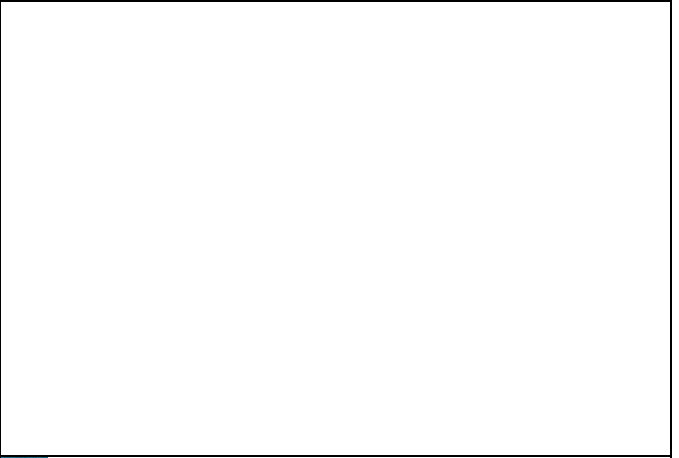
Happy

Scared

Surprised

Sad







My Bible  
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Colossians  
3:23

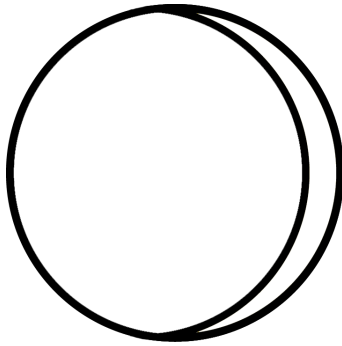
**Directions:** Fold paper in half on dotted line. Cut heart shape out (making sure you leave it attached on the fold at the top of the heart). Write the memory verse on the inside of the heart shape.

**Directions:** Cut out shapes on solid black lines. Fold on dotted lines like an accordion (back and forth).

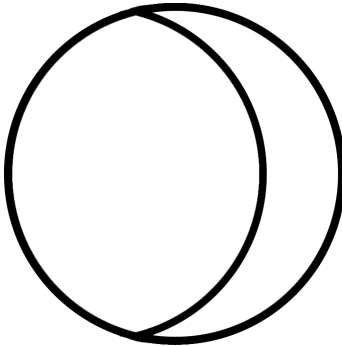
Glue back of last piece to your lapbook.

Color the full moon yellow. Color the right side of the half, crescent, and waxing crescent moons yellow. Discuss the moon phases with your student.

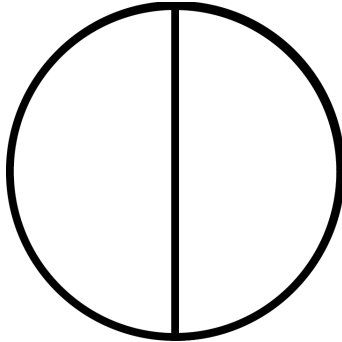
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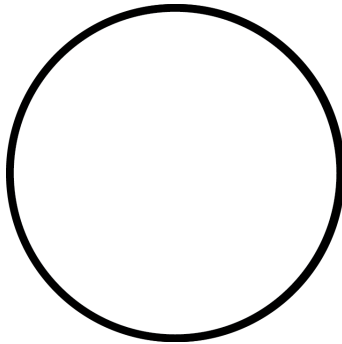
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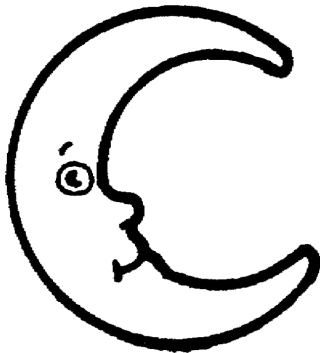
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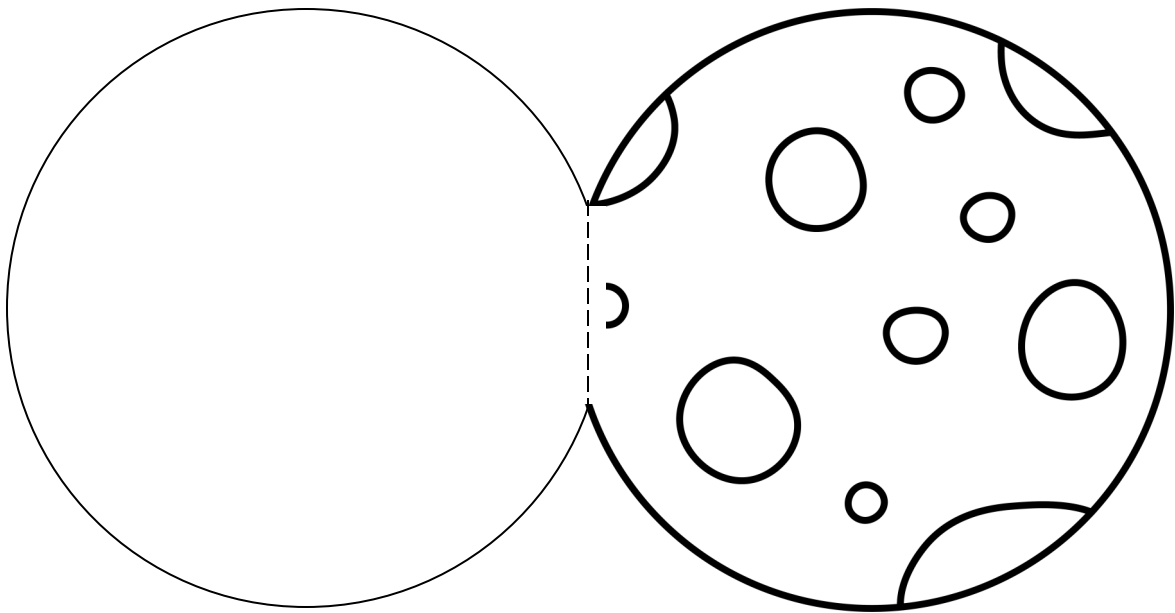
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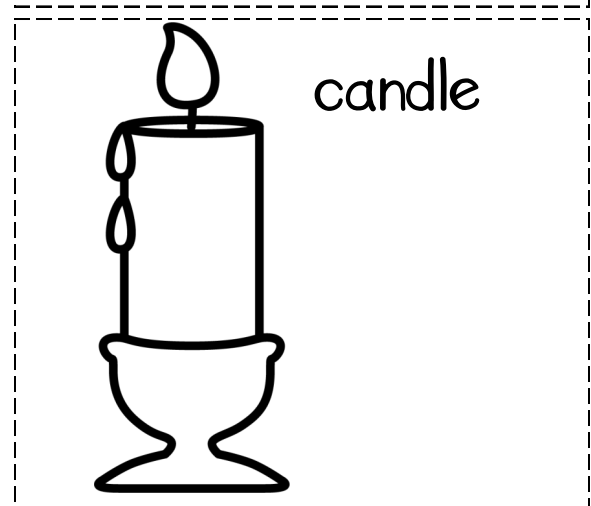
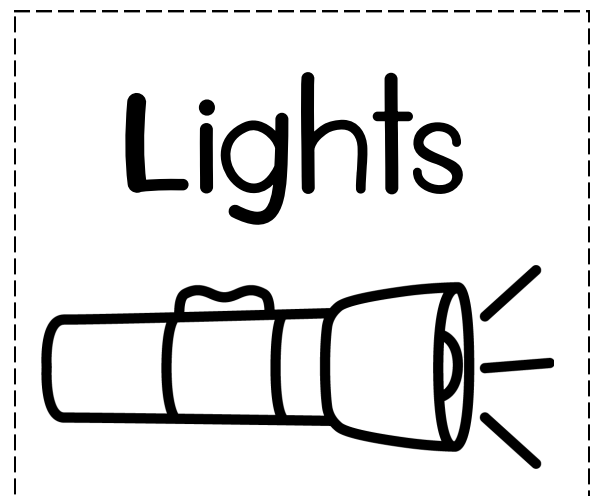
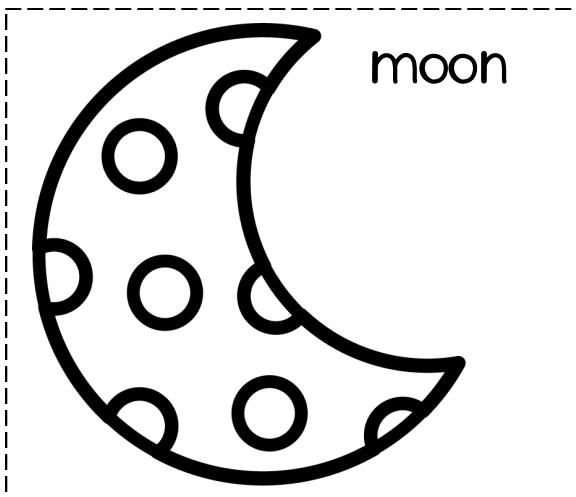
Moon  
Phases



**Directions:** After you read some library books about the moon, ask your student to tell you what he learned. Record his favorite fact inside the mini book.

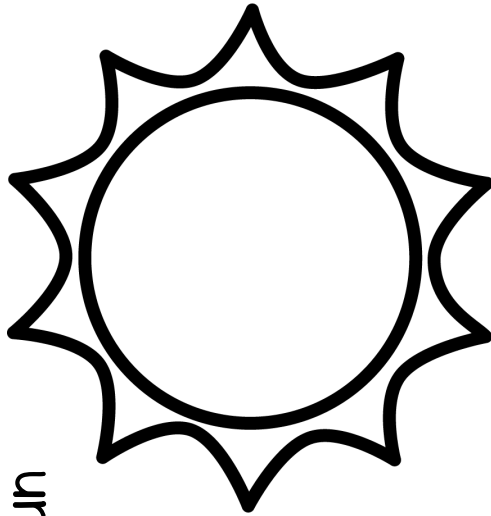


**Directions:** Cut out the pieces below. Cut out the book on the next page as one piece. Color the images. Fold flaps in and paste the moon and candle to the flaps. Fold the cover down and paste the cover piece on it.

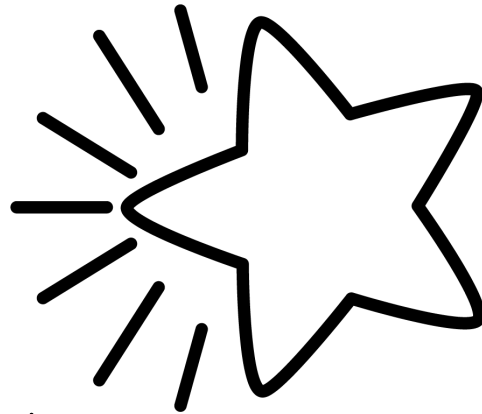


You are looking at the inside of the book. Cut out as one piece. Fold left side in and paste the moon to the front of it. Fold right side in and paste the candle to the front of it. Fold top down. Paste cover piece ("Lights") on top.

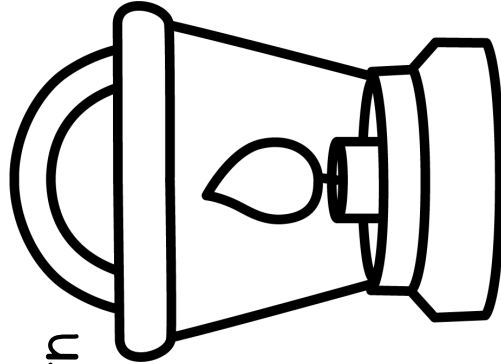
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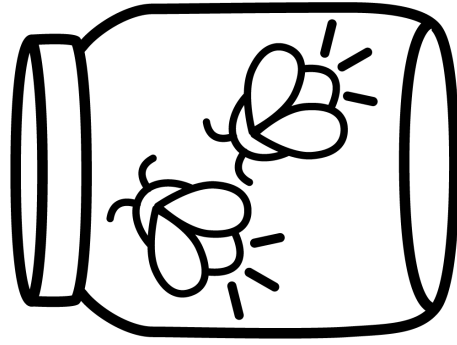
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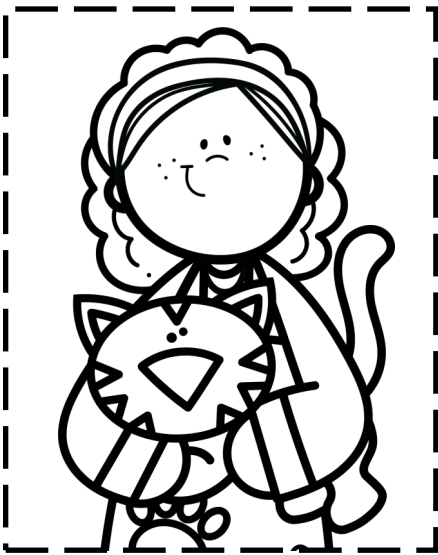
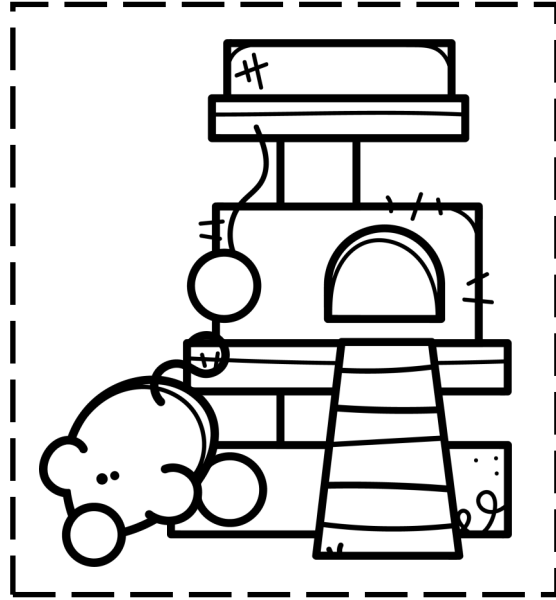
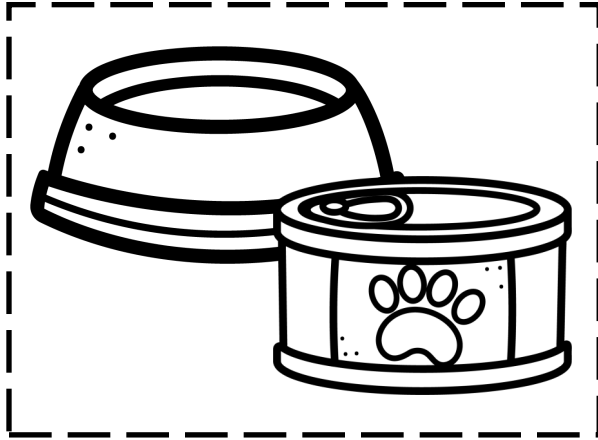
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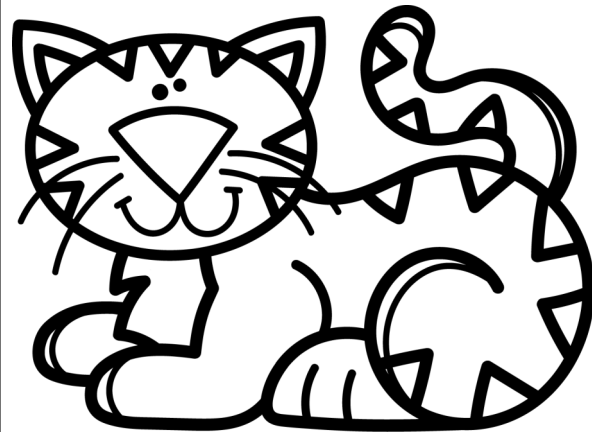
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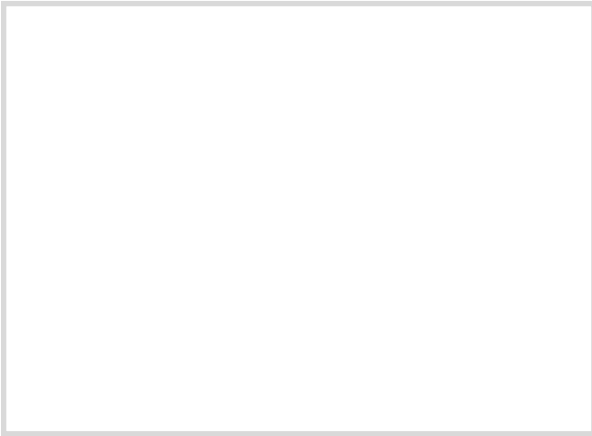
**Directions:** Color pictures. Cut out the five pages. Glue pictures to the appropriate pages. Stack pages together with cover on top and secure at the top with a staple.



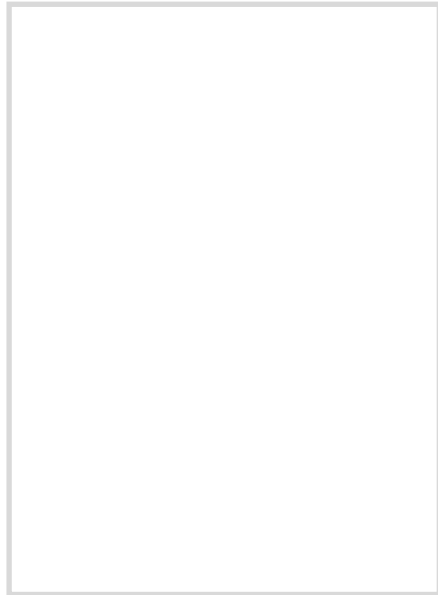
## Taking Care of a Kitten



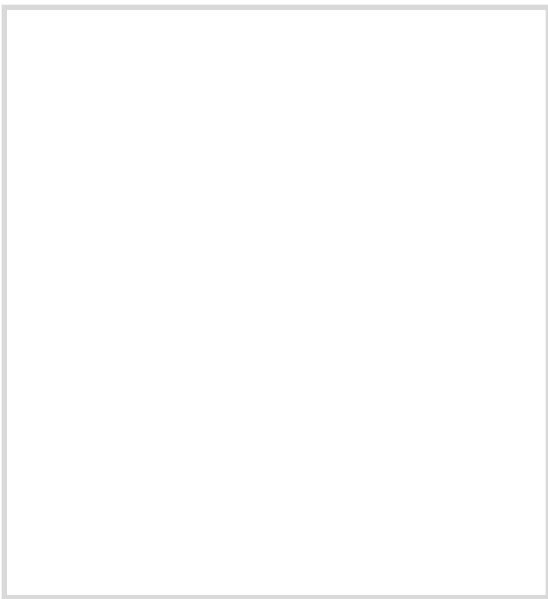
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food and water.



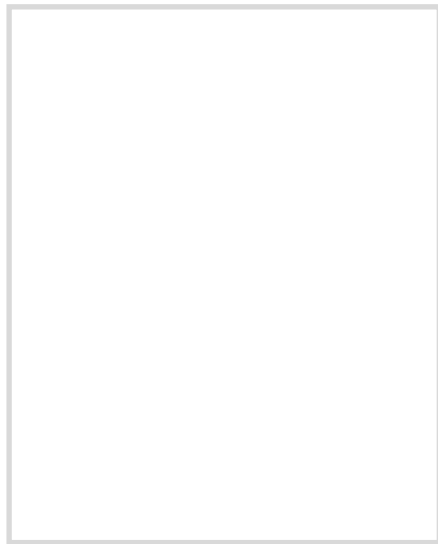
A kitten needs love.



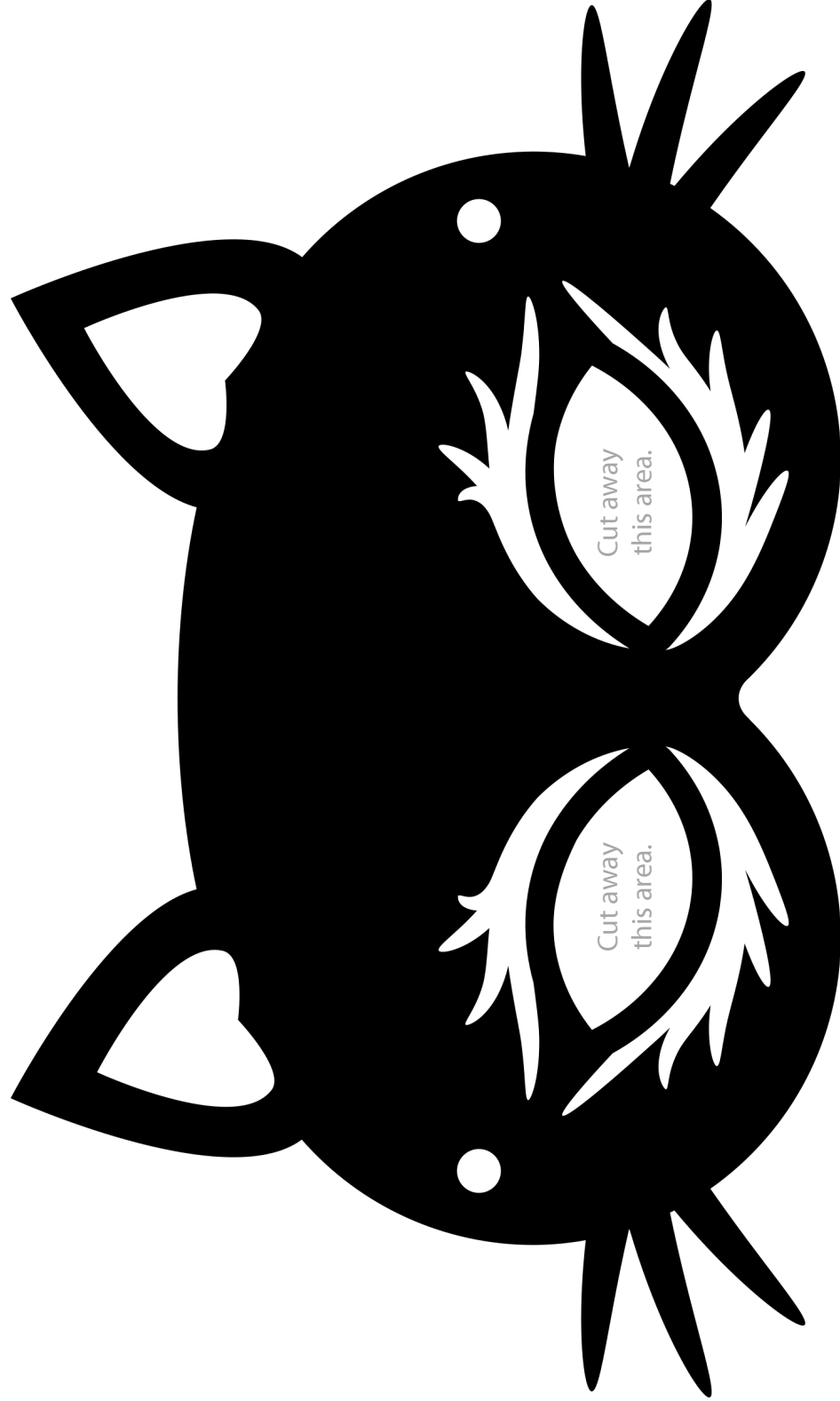
A kitten needs toys.



A kitten needs to  
go to the vet.



**Directions:** Print the mask on cardstock. Cut out the mask. Cut out the eye holes. Punch holes in the sides and add elastic to fit your child's face.





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