SINGING IN 3D WITH SHABANG!

LOOK AT THE STARS

We hope you enjoy this original Shabang Song.
Here are some ideas to help your song go with a swing – we call this "singing in 3D" – it helps to make a song as accessible as possible, for everyone. Shabang songs are pretty straightforward to sign in Makaton.

LOOK AT THE STARS is a positive song with a cosmic feel.

· Make a shooting star! Use a ball from a ball pool – these are light and in great abundance. Use black cord elastic and stick one end to the ball with the strongest gaffer tape you can find. This is the base of your comet and you can now cover the ball with silvery or gold paper or fabric – tying ribbons or streamers to make your tail. Fix the other end of the elastic to a garden stick and there you go – you've got yourself a comet/shooting star.



Other ideas:

· Synchronised comets – fly your comets to music to make a cosmic dance

· Make a comet to throw by wrapping a conker or a solid small rubber ball in paper and tying ribbons on the end to make a tail. Go outside or to large safe space and see who can throw their comet the furthest

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· Shooting Star Display: Take a photo of each of your class or group – just a portrait of their face and use this as the centre of your comet with paint or paper as a tail. Stick them on the wall or a dark back ground . Entitle it "We're All Shooting Stars"

· Blow Painting: Using black or dark blue paper to form the Night Sky use white, silver, yellow or gold paint. Water the paint down to make it runny and easier to blow. Squeeze a blob onto the paper – somewhere near the edge so you have plenty of room for your tail. Use a drinking straw to blow your paint in one direction to make a realistic looking tail. Alternatively you could create your tail by dipping a comb into the paint or using your fingers.

· Use a "Photo Sketch" app on the computer to turn the portrait into black and white line drawings which the children can then colour in

· Fill a plastic bottle with water, glitter and sequins. Add some blue food dye . pour in a few florist water beads which will expand in a couple of hours, Screw the lid on tight – a galaxy in a bottle !

Have fun and let us know how it goes – send us pictures – we would love to see how you get on.

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