

What Would You Bring to Space?

A Little Background

When Astronauts travel to space to live on the International Space Station, they leave behind things that we consider to be part of our everyday lives. They not only leave behind their family and friends, but also the things that make up their normal life – their favorite toys, clothes, food, sports, and computer games. Thankfully, astronauts are allowed to bring a few things with them to help them feel closer to home.

Astronauts bring a Personal Preference Kit (PPK) into space with them. This Kit is used to carry their chosen personal belongings. You can only pack what fits inside the suitcase. [Learn more about PPKs from NASA here.](#)

For example, when Astronaut Jeff Hoffman brought along a travelling menorah and dreidel to mark the holiday of Hanukkah while in space. [Watch Astronaut Hoffman talk about his items here.](#)

Tucker, Age 7

Tucker wants to bring things from his bedroom that would make him feel comfortable. He chose his blanket and pillow, stuffed dog, Spiderman alarm clock, and slippers. With the help of his mom, Tucker took a photo with his items. He cut and glued shapes to make the sky for his rocket ship.

JEW^S IN SPACE

MEMBERS OF THE TRIBE IN ORBIT

A Note to Parents:

This fall, the Jewish Museum of Maryland will explore the lives of people who have studied, imagined, and even traveled into the cosmos. [Jews in Space: Members of the Tribe in Orbit](#) will share not only the contributions of the Jewish community to space-facing science and culture, but also how Marylanders have impacted space travel, study, and innovation.

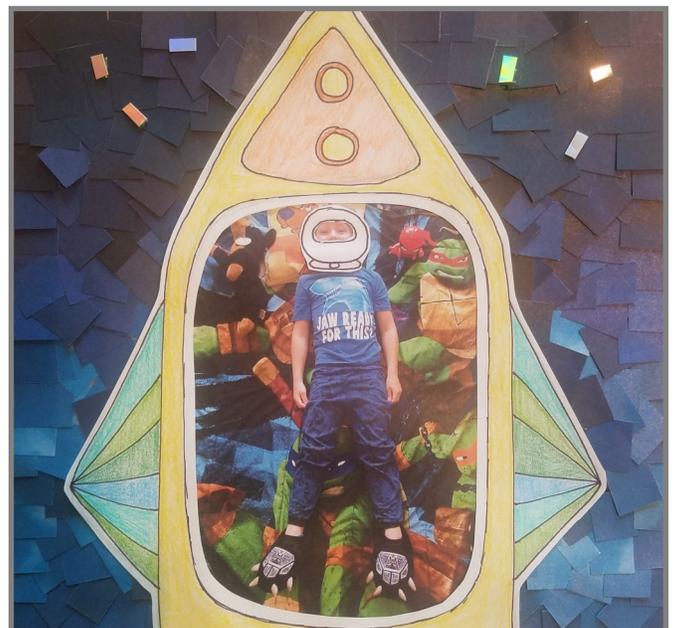
Join the countless people who have dreamed, and continue to dream, of the wonders of space. **We want you and your family to be a part of the exhibit.** Please share your child's artwork so that we can highlight how young people imagine space today. **We invite your child(ren) to ponder traveling to space and creatively answer the question "What would you bring with you to space?"** Your child's contribution might be featured in our upcoming exhibit!

What Would You Bring to Space?

In this activity, you and your family can imagine what you would bring on a trip to space and create artwork using your answers!

You will Need

- A piece of paper that is 8.5 inches by 11 inches.
- Art supplies that you have around the house, like photographs, pencil crayons, tissue paper, newspaper, paint, and glitter.



Instructions: What Would You Bring to Space?

Step 1: Wonder

Use your imagination! Imagine that you are an astronaut and are getting ready for a trip to the International Space Station. You are packing your bag and need to decide what you will bring with you.

Talk to a friend or family member about:

- Would you bring something for fun? What are your favorite hobbies or sports? What are your favorite books? Your favorite music?
- Would you bring something to represent your culture or religion? Maybe decorations for holidays?
- Would you bring a favorite food or drink?
- Would you bring something to remind you of your family? Your friends? Your school?

Step 2: Choose

Now is the hard part! You can't bring everything. You can only **choose five things** to bring with you. Make a list of your five things. Why did you pick those objects?

Step 3: Create

Now it is time to be creative! Use the template on Page 3 to create an artwork that shows your five things.

Maybe you want to take photos of your objects. Maybe you want to draw or paint your objects.

Once you are done making your artwork, you need to fill in the bottom of the page. You can ask an adult for help. Tell us:

- Your name and age
- What your five objects are and why you chose them
- You can also tell us about how you made your artwork (Use a second sheet of paper if you need more space)

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Step 4: Submit

Do you want to have your artwork potentially included in the upcoming exhibit [Jews in Space: Members of the Tribe in Orbit?](#)

You can submit your work by mail or email!

Option 1: Mail your artwork to the Jewish Museum of Maryland
15 Lloyd Street,
Baltimore MD 21202
Attn: Paige Woodhouse

Option Two: Scan/take a photo of your artwork and email pwoodhouse@jewishmuseummd.org with the subject line "What Would You Bring to Space Submission."



Azrael, Age 10
"I would want to bring my blanket and my stuffed animal to keep me comfortable. I would bring my camera, diary, and music player."



Aliceanna, Age 4
Aliceanna chose to bring her favorite noodles, swirly noodles; a beautiful dancing dress because she likes to be fancy; and a glue stick. She also packed her best friend Monsieur Croc and the bear, Aloysius, "to keep Monsieur Croc company."

Name:

Age:
