



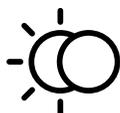
## LEARN

The word "eclipse" comes from the Ancient Greek noun, *ékleipsis*, which means "the abandonment". The Ancient Greeks used the word to label the rare event of the sun being covered up by the moon as it passed between the sun and the earth.

While the sun was covered during the eclipse, they thought the sun, the object that kept them warm and helped plants grow, was gone, never to return.

The people witnessing their first eclipse were thinking the way a young baby does.

Babies under 8 months old don't yet understand that something can exist even if you don't see it. If you cover up their favorite toy or even yourself with a blanket, they will think it is gone or you have abandoned them. This can be scary for a baby and it was terrifying for people witnessing their first eclipse when they too thought they were abandoned by one of the most important things in their lives.



## EXPLORE

**Explore** how an eclipse is like a baby playing peek-a-boo.

To play peek-a-boo, one player hides their face, pops back into the view of the other, and says "Peek-a-boo!".

If you put a blanket over your head, a baby younger than 8 months old will think you are gone, have abandoned it.

As the baby gets older and plays more, they learn that even when something is covered up, it stays there and you can see it again when it is uncovered...and becomes an exciting game.

An eclipse is an exciting chance to learn more about our solar system, just like a baby learning as it plays peek-a-boo.

Hope you can try this out with some babies you know.



## CREATE

Make an eclipse **peek-a-boo** game

### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Sun and Moon images (attached)
- Markers, Pencils or Crayons
- Scissors
- yarn, ribbon or metal brad

### HOW TO:

- Color the sun and moon shapes attached.
- Cut out the shapes.
- Punch the holes on the shapes
- Attach the moon on top of the sun with some yarn or a metal brad.

The moon can cover over the sun, except for it's atmosphere and then can move off of it...a **peek-a-boo** sun and moon game.



During a complete solar eclipse, the sun is completely covered by the moon as it passes between the earth and the sun.

Color the moon and the sun.

Cut out the shapes.

Attach the sun and moon with a brad or yarn through the holes.

