



THE BIG TRIP TO THE MOON

The true story of Apollo 11, told for little astronauts

A BIG, BIG DREAM

Have you ever looked up at the Moon and wondered what it would be like to stand on it?

In the movie **Interstellar**, astronauts fly far, far away to the stars. But before anyone flew to the stars, brave astronauts flew to the Moon first.

And guess what? This story is TRUE. It really happened!

THREE FRIENDS

Three friends were picked for the biggest trip ever.

Neil would walk on the Moon first.

Buzz would walk with him.

Mike would fly the ship and keep it safe.

In **Project Hail Mary**, an astronaut makes a special friend in space. Neil, Buzz, and Mike were already friends — and friends take care of each other.



BLAST OFF!

Their rocket was called **Saturn V**. It was taller than 30 giraffes standing on top of each other! 5... 4... 3... 2... 1... BLAST OFF!

THE LONG, FLOATY TRIP

The trip to the Moon took **four whole days** — longer than a weekend!

Inside the spaceship, there is no gravity, so EVERYTHING floats. The astronauts floated. Their food floated. Even their pencils floated!

Can you pretend to float like an astronaut?

THE EAGLE HAS LANDED

At last, they reached the Moon. Neil and Buzz climbed into their little Moon ship, called the **Eagle**.

Down... down... down it flew, over mountains and big round craters.
Everyone on Earth held their breath.

Then Neil said the famous words: "**The Eagle has landed!**" They did it!



A SHIP WITH SKINNY LEGS

The Eagle had skinny legs, shiny gold blankets, and a ladder to climb down. It was the first ship to ever land on the Moon.



ONE SMALL STEP

Neil climbed down the ladder and put his foot on the Moon. "That's one small step for a man," he said. Then Buzz came out, and together they **BOUNCED** like kangaroos — because on the Moon, gravity is soft and light!

THE FRIEND WHO WAITED

High above the Moon, Mike flew the big ship around and around, all by himself, keeping it safe. That is one of the most important jobs a friend can do.

Then Neil and Buzz flew back up to Mike, and all three friends zoomed home to Earth and SPLASHED into the ocean.

Everyone on Earth cheered. Hooray!

THE FOOTPRINTS ARE STILL THERE

The Moon has no wind and no rain, so the footprints Neil and Buzz made are **still there today**.

MOON FACTS TO WOW YOUR FRIENDS

- Apollo 11 landed on the Moon on July 20, 1969.
- On the Moon, you could jump as high as a house!
- The Moon is so far away, the trip took 4 days.

Now it's your turn to dream: what would YOU pack for a trip to the Moon?

THE END ★