

Life on Mars

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Synopsis: A young astronaut lands on Mars determined to find a sign of life there. In his hand is a package, tied with a red ribbon that holds a chocolate cupcake, a gift to any extraterrestrial he might run into. The dark, cold, and rocky landscape has no life, or so he thinks, as he heads back to the spaceship, he discovers the sign he is looking for: a bright yellow flower. But what is he missing?

Suggested Reading Date: Anytime

Activity Descriptions:

- Science Corner have facts about Mars on cards for kids to view and learn about Mars.
- Have pictures of all planets and have students put them in order.
- Planet creation, have students create a new planet, what would it look like, what would you call it?
- Mars critters, with pompoms and pipe cleaners have students create a Mars critter.

Related Websites:

- Read Aloud Audio <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= mTC5Vcz1qQ>
- Author Website http://www.jonagee.com/html/p_books.php?nav=0&sub=0
- Space Themed Activities and Printables:
<http://applenanabox.com/index.php/2017/06/20/15-space-themed-activities-free-printables/>

Text to Text Connections:

- *Curiosity: The story of a Mars Rover* -- Markus Motum
- *The Day Mars Disappeared* -- Elijah Kravets

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