

## Instructions for Sofia's Dream Craft and Writing Activity

### Preparations

1. Take a photo of each child following these steps:
  - a. Find a location with good lighting. Take photo with child sitting sideways in the crisscross applesauce position. Ask them to look down at something in front of them with their head turned slightly toward you.
  - b. Take 10 steps backwards from each child and take a picture with your phone camera. Do not use your zoom feature.
  - c. Email or text your photos to you local photo processing center. Many stores and photo centers like Walgreens have a convenient app for sending in photos.
2. Print out a pledge sheet and make copies as needed. Pledge sheets are found on page 2 of these instructions. Printing on heavy or cardstock paper makes for a more durable finished project.
3. Gather these art supplies: magic markers, crayons, watercolors, tape, regular cutting scissors, pencils, and pens. Optional step - one additional step that can enhance the appearance of this project is for children to do the artwork part of this project on a separate piece of paper and then attach this to the pledge sheet. If you have craft scissors with patterned edges, these can be used to enhance the edges of each child's artwork. If you decide to do this step, the artwork should be done on pieces of paper that measure approximately 8x7 inches.

### Day of Reading and Activity

1. Set out all supplies and arrange a work area as needed.
2. Have children read or listen to a reading of *Sofia's Dream*.
3. After the reading, explain that each child is going make a piece of art of them sitting on the moon and looking back at earth. Then have each child carefully cut out their picture.
4. On the pledge sheet (or the separate 8x7 piece of paper), ask children to draw a picture of Earth and a crescent moon. Have them place their photo on the inside section of their crescent moon. Their photo can be attached to their moon by curling a small piece of tape on the back of each photo.
5. For the writing portion of this activity, give your children some prompts of things they can pledge to do that help protect our planet such as: turning off lights, composting, growing their own food, recycling, picking up litter, walking, riding, or carpooling to school.
6. Good luck and have fun!