

Ionel Talpazan, *Untitled*, 1994, Marker on paper, 22 x 28 in., American Folk Art Museum, New York, Gift of the artist, 1994.8.2

To infinity and beyond! Soar along as Museum Stories explores spaceships in artwork by Ionel Talpazan. Watch the short video for some fun with art, a book and an art project!

LOOK

Take a look at this bright and colorful picture by Ionel Talpazan (1955-2015). What do you see in this artwork? Find the buildings, river, and spaceships. What colors do you see? Can you stretch your arms way up high like the tall buildings? Now, move your arms like you are swimming across the river.

In the sky, there are flying objects called spaceships. These are like planes that can fly very far away to outer space! How many spaceships do you see? Who you think is in them? Look at the squiggly lines coming out of the spaceship. This makes it look like the spaceships are moving in the sky. Where do you think they are going?

READ

This week, the book recommendation is *Moondogs* by Daniel Kirk. The book combines two things that children love: dogs and spaceships. The story tells about a young boy with dreams of becoming an astronaut. He blasts off to the moon with a dog in his backpack and once there, he comes to the rescue and helps the moon dogs that live there.

MAKE

Follow along with the video for instructions to make an art project. Make your own spaceship and fly around your home!

VBMA educators created this lesson plan.

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