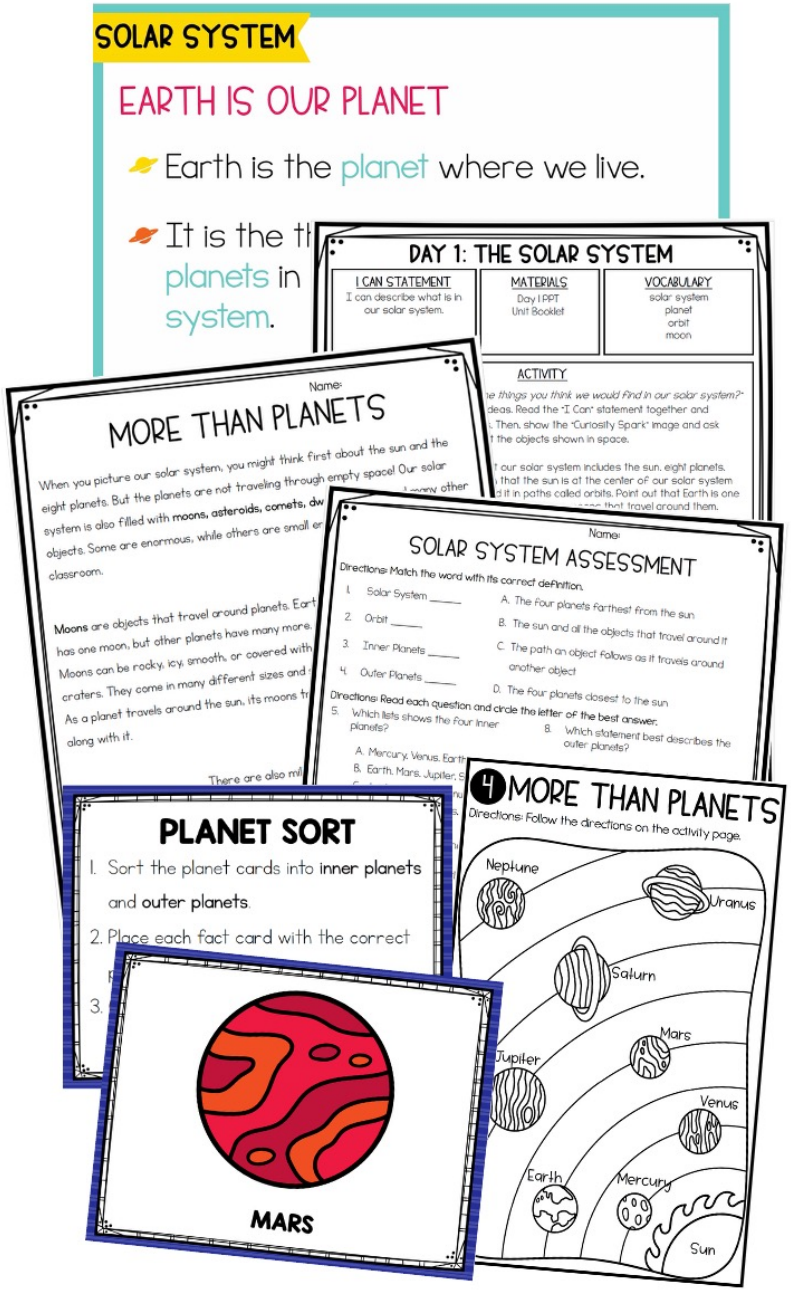
What's Included

- ✓ 3 instructional PowerPoints
- ✓ Daily lesson plans
- ✓ Booklet with an activity for each day
- ✓ Reading passage with activity
- ✓ Planet sort activity & postcard template
- ✓ Vocabulary cards
- ✓ Assessment
- ✓ Bonus extra reading passage and crossword activity
- ✓ Answer Key



5 Days of Activities

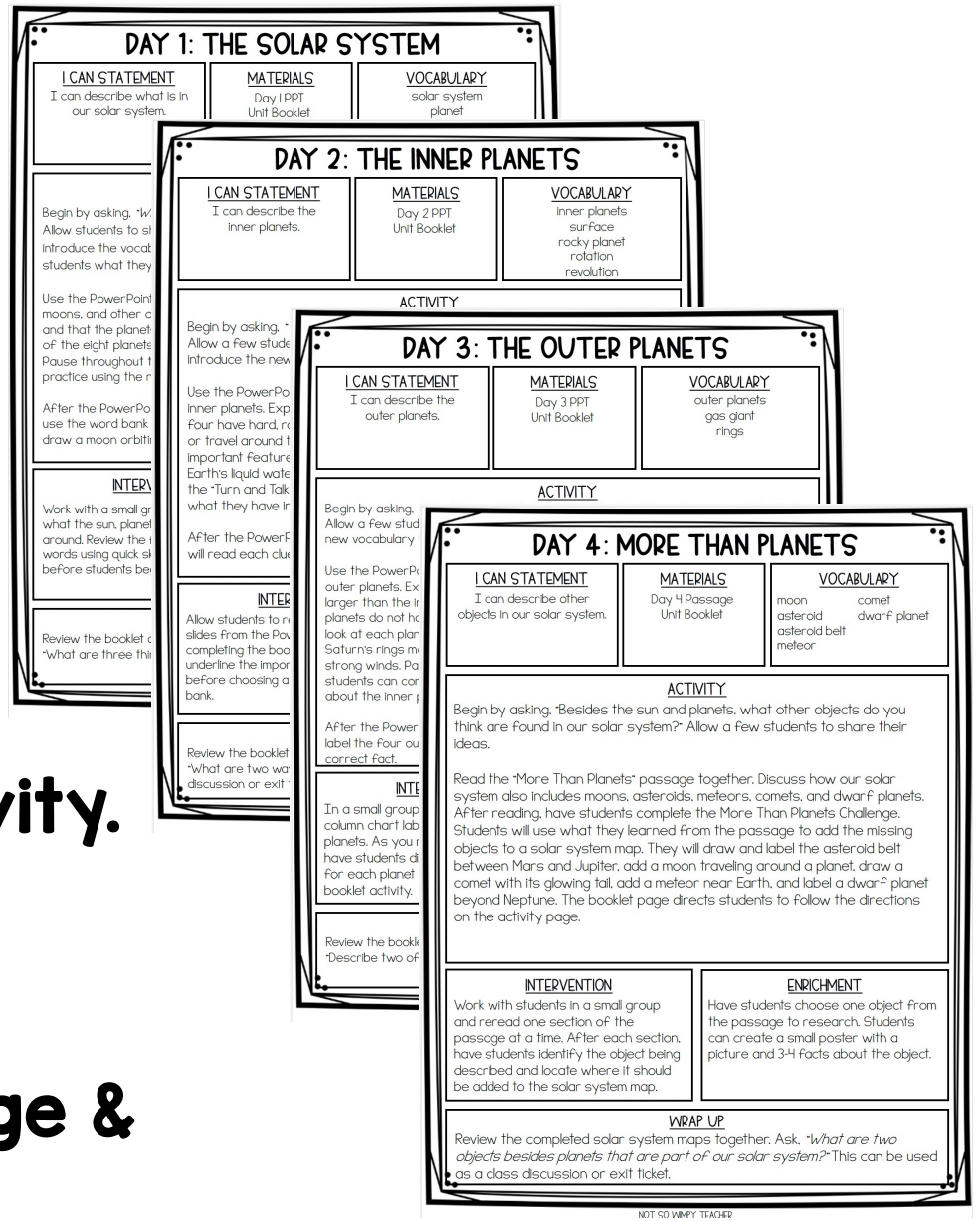
This unit includes three instructional PowerPoints that teach the concept.

Students will practice the skill using a guided booklet, hands-on activities & a reading passage.

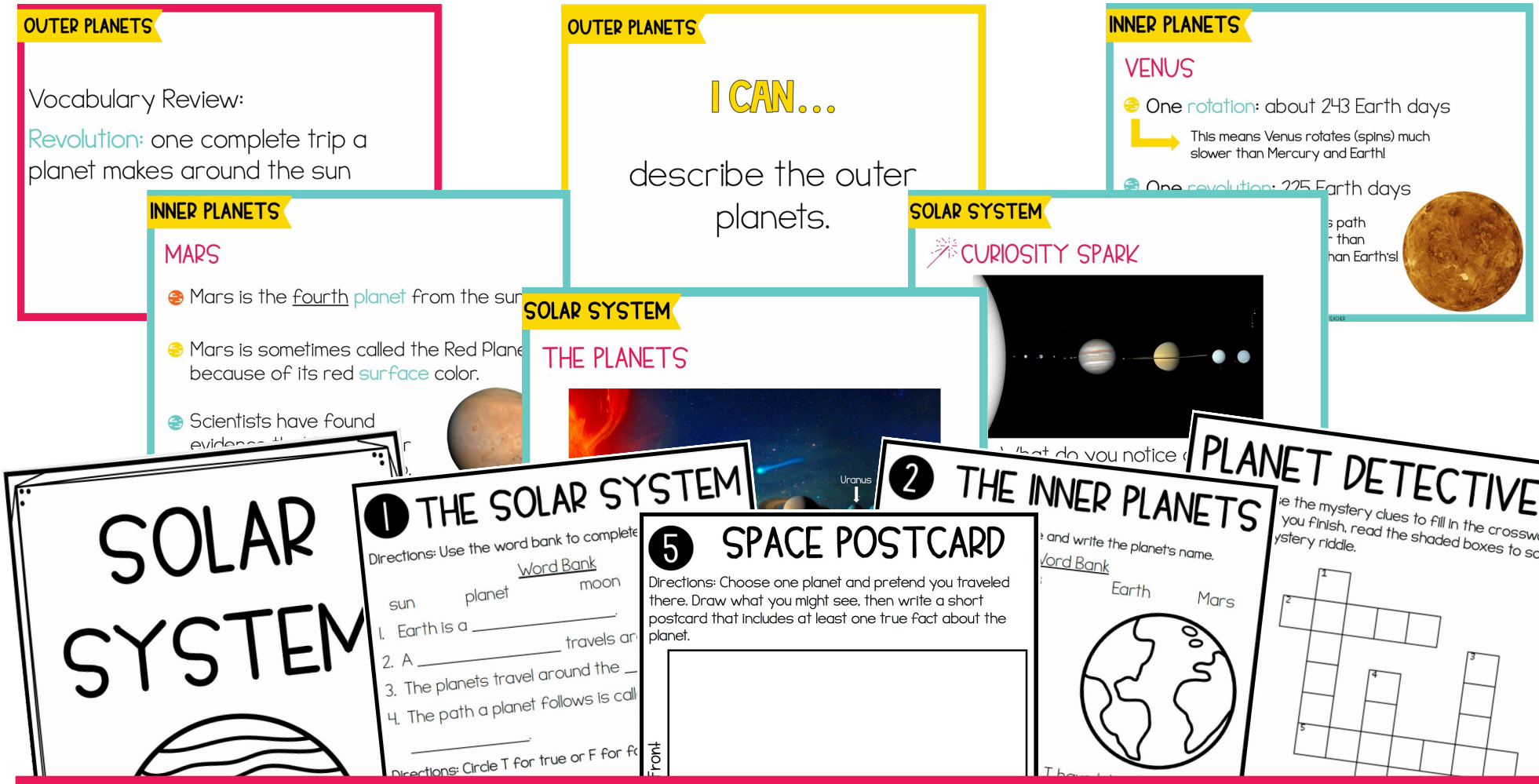
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PowerPoint Lessons



Each lesson is designed to be taught in 30 minutes, with all student work completed in their booklets. You can choose to take a daily grade, completion grade, or grade for accuracy.

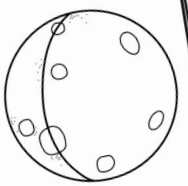
Reading Passage & Activities

Name:

MORE THAN PLANETS

When you picture our solar system, you might think first about the sun and the eight planets. But the planets are not traveling through empty space! Our solar system is also filled with **moons, asteroids, comets, dwarf planets,** and many other objects. Some are enormous, while others are small enough to fit inside a classroom.

Moons are objects that travel around planets. Earth has one moon, but other planets have many more. Moons can be rocky, icy, smooth, or covered with craters. They come in many different sizes and shapes. As a planet travels around the sun, its moons travel along with it.



There are also millions of **asteroids** in our solar system. Asteroids are rocky or metal objects that travel around the sun. They can be very small, or they can be hundreds of miles across. Many asteroids are found in the **asteroid belt**, a large region of space between Mars and Jupiter. The asteroid belt may look crowded in pictures, but the asteroids are actually spread very far apart.



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Most meteors burn up before reaching the



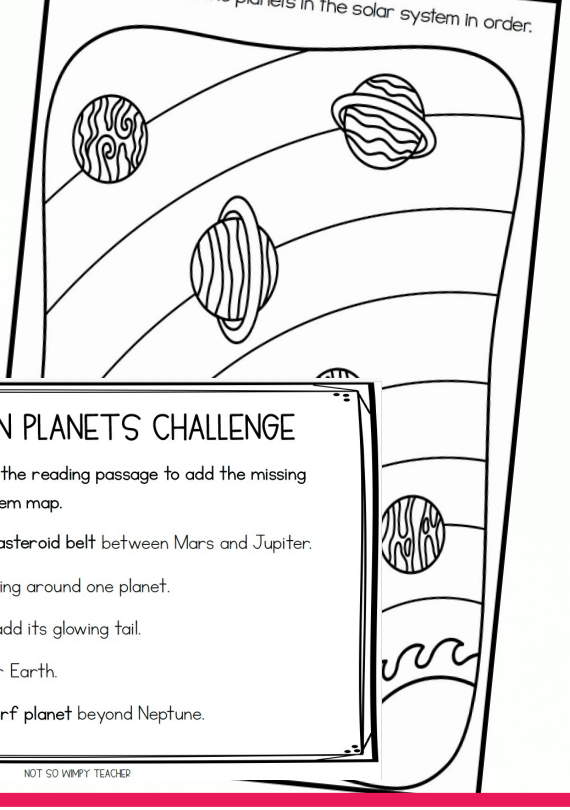
Comets are different from asteroids. They are made mostly of ice, dust, and rock, and they also travel around the sun. Most of the time, a comet is too far away for us to see. When a comet travels closer to the sun, the sun warms it. Gas and dust begin to stream away from the comet and can form a bri
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the largest and easiest objects to recognize, but
loons travel around planets, asteroids move aroun
streaks of light in Earth's atmosphere, comets c
nets travel through distant parts of space. Toge
jects help make our solar system an amazing and

Directions: Label the planets in the solar system in order.



MORE THAN PLANETS CHALLENGE

Use what you learned in the reading passage to add the missing objects to the solar system map.

1. Draw and label the **asteroid belt** between Mars and Jupiter.
2. Draw a **moon** traveling around one planet.
3. Draw a **comet** and add its glowing tail.
4. Draw a **meteor** near Earth.
5. Add and label a **dwarf planet** beyond Neptune.

NOT SO WIMPY TEACHER

Students practice the skill with an informational reading passage and more than planets labeling challenge activity.

Planet Sort Activity



Students will sort the planets into inner and outer planets, match facts to each planet, and complete a postcard from their chosen planet!