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Reflection Questions:

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- * Why do you think marking time is so important? What might time have to do with philanthropy?
- * How can the start of a new month serve as the start of a new beginning?

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This becomes the first communal commandment given to Jewish people: to mark the passage of time with the new moon.

Just like the moon, change doesn't happen all at once. Cut out the phases of the moon below, write your answers to the prompts on the back, and share with your family as you reflect how philanthropy can make change:

Fill out these moons together each month. Celebrate the ways you've made a difference and set new intentions for the month ahead.

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CRESENT MOON:

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FULL MOON:

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