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When you're at the doctor's office, you'll hear a lot of new words and see different types of tools. It's almost like being on a new planet.

And you're an astronaut ready to explore!

One tool that kind of looks like a small rocket ship is called a syringe.

A syringe is a plastic tube that can hold medicine, fluids or even food. Lab tests, like a blood test, may use syringes, too.

Just like a rocket ship, a syringe is powerful. Especially when a syringe is part of an injection.

An injection gives the syringe the power to help you feel better and protect your body.

Wait, hold on. Did someone say injection? Isn't that a shot? Or poke?! That's going to hurt! Right?

OK, you're smart! It's true that pokes can hurt a little, like a pinch.

And you can cry if you want to! It's ok to cry if something hurts.

But pokes are fast and it's over before you can even say "Blast off!"

So when your doctor uses a syringe to help your body feel better, it might help to pretend that it's a rocket ship landing on planet YOU.