



Enrich, Excite, Explore!

Week 3, Day 15: Science – What is Rain?

Read and watch the stories at [Scholastic Learn at Home](#) and then explore the activities below!

Read!

Come On Rain by Karen Hesse paired with Rain Weather by Pam Rosenberg

Talk!

Talk about the stories as you read and watch together. Ask your child open-ended questions. What do they think will happen next? What did they like about the story? How can they help you at home? What are the steps you take when you use a recipe, build or fix something at home, or clean up?

Sing!

Pitter Patter Song (tune: “Do You Know the Muffin Man”)

Pitter, patter, falls the rain, *(you can clap your hands, or tap your lap while you sing)*

On the roof, and window pane.

Softly, softly, it comes down,

Pitter, patter, all round!

Play!

Rain in a Jar Experiment

<https://www.icanteachmychild.com/making-it-rain/>

1. Fill a glass jar about 1/3 with hot water (remind kids to watch with their eyes only as the jar is hot!)
2. Put a bowl or plate on top of the jar and wait about a minute or two.
3. Place ice cubes in the bowl or plate.
4. Watch and see what happens inside the jar!



Once water droplets appear around the jar, ask your child to tell you what he or she thinks is happening. Elaborate on or explain to them the process of how rain is formed. As hot air rises (moist heat from the hot water) and meets cold air in the atmosphere (the cold plate), condensation occurs, and rain (the water droplets you see) is formed.

Make a Rain Stick

Make a cardboard tube rain stick with instructions from this website and experiment with different materials with which to fill the stick. Listen and find out which creates a sound most like rain.

<https://buggyandbuddy.com/how-to-make-a-rainstick-instrument/>

Read More Together!

Books related to rain:

- Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain: A Nandi Tale – E Aardema, Verna
- I Love The Rain! – E Bridges, Margaret
- Little Cloud – E Carle, Eric
- When the Rain Comes – E Fullerton, Alma
- Cloudette – E Lichtenheld, Tom
- The Rainbabies – E Melmed, Laura
- Who Likes Rain? – E Yee, Wong
- Where Does Kitty Go In the Rain? – E Ziefert, Harriet

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