

Family Reading Guide for:

The Rain Came Down written and illustrated by David Shannon

Below are some comments and questions to use when you share this book with your child. Pick a few that interest you and maybe add some of your own! The idea is to enjoy sharing the book with your child and talking about it as you read.

Explore the story together, talk about it, and most of all have FUN!

Note: Page number 1 is the first page of the story with writing. Before they first share the book with their child, some people like to put small numbered sticky notes or *very* light pencil markings in the book to tell them what page they are on. It does make it easier to use these questions!

The first page of this book begins with the words: On Saturday morning the rain came down.

In this book: The phrase “And still, the rain came down” occurs throughout the book. Encourage your child to say it with you.

Page	Question
Cover	What can you tell me about this book?
1	Read the text. Say to your child: Look at the first letter in the word “on.” How is it different from the other letters? Why do you think that is?
7	What does the word “squirm” mean? Can you show me?
13	Why can't the painter paint in the rain?
19	What will happen next?
21	Why does the air smell fresh and sweet?
24	Why does the police officer think everything is A-OK?
29	Look at those ice cream cones! How many scoops does the boy have? How many does the girl have? What flavor of ice cream would you order?
30	Why was everyone so nice and happy once the sun came out?
30	What could the people have done to be kinder to one another while it was raining?