

## The Rain Came Down

### Fun Activities and Book Suggestions for Families

#### Science:

##### Shaving Cream Rain Cloud in a Jar

Materials needed:

- A clean jar or glass
- Shaving cream
- Food coloring
- An eye dropper
- (and water)

<https://funlearningforkids.com/rain-cloud-jar-science-experiment/>



##### Bubbles



Materials needed:

- Bowl
- Water
- Dishwashing liquid (or shampoo)
- Whisk
- Straw

Fill a bowl with water and some dishwashing liquid (or shampoo). Next, have your child take a whisk and stir. Bubbles will have formed on the surface. Your child will learn the power that their actions have, and that their actions create results. This is cause and effect.

Now, do the same experiment again, but this time let your child blow bubbles with a straw (instead of stirring with the whisk). Compare the bubbles.

#### Math & Fine Motor Skills:

##### Thread the Raindrops

Materials needed:

- Cardboard
- One piece of white paper (for the cloud)
- A marker (or pen)
- String
- Blue straws (cut up into one-inch pieces).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsAlnOXCzTk>



## Art Activities:

### Rainbow Rain



1. Fill a wet brush with paint, then again dip it briefly in water.
2. Press a brush hard against the top of the paper and watch the paint run down the paper.

Discuss the colors the “rain” has made.

*What happens when colors run into each other?*

*Which paint travels faster? Why?*

*Why does more water on the brush make paint travel faster?*

<https://kidminds.org/rainbow-rain/>

### Toilet Paper Roll Stamping

<https://playteachrepeat.com/rainy-day-art-activity/>



## Music and Movement:

### “Singing in the Rain”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbFGojJxgoo>

### “Rainbow, Rainbow Round Me”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXLxJ0Ktc18>

### “Drip Drop Rain”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3WIF98ss2Tw>

If you and your child enjoyed reading *The Rain Came Down*, be sure to check out these books too:

- *Little Raindrop* by Igloo Books
- *Singing in the Rain* by Arthur Freed and Nacio Herb Brown
- *Rain Boy* by Dylan Glynn