



# STORY TIME

## SINGING IN THE RAIN

### Story Time Description

Do you know any songs about rain? What about “Singing in the Rain”? That is the book we’ll be reading today. *Singing in the Rain* is based on the song by Arthur Freed and Nacio Herb Brown with pictures by Tim Hopgood. This is a beautiful feel-good read-aloud for everyone. What a fun way to introduce this classic musical to young children. Let’s raise umbrellas, jump in puddles, and dance with joy alongside the children in the story!

### Children’s Fiction and Nonfiction Books about Weather Rain & Water

- *Worm Weather* by Jean Taft
- *Weather* by Caroline Harris
- *Little Raindrop* by Igloo Books
- *Turtle Splash! Countdown at the Pond* by Cathryn Falwell
- *Let It Rain* by Maryann Cocca-Leffler
- *Tap Tap Boom Boom* by Elizabeth Bluemle
- *Rain!* by Linda Ashman
- *Rain, Rain, Go Away* by Caroline Jayne Church
- *The Little Raindrop* by Joanna Gray
- *Splish, Splash, Spring* by Jan Carr
- *Rain Drop Splash* Alvin Tresselt
- *The Water’s Journey* by Elenore Schmid
- *Water* by Frank Asch
- *On Kiki’s Reef* by Carol L. Malnor
- *Hey, Water!* by Antoinette Portis
- *Rain* by Maya Stojic
- *Down Comes the Rain* by Dr. Franklyn M. Branley
- *Raindrops are Rainbows* by Valarie Bessette
- *Water is Water: A Book About the Water Cycle* by Miranda Paul
- *The Great Big Water Cycle Adventure* by Kay Barnham
- *A River* by Marc Martin
- *Rain: Whatever the Weather* by Carol Thompson
- *Raindrops Fall All Around* by Charles Ghigna
- *The Rain Came Down* by David Shannon

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- *The Big Umbrella* by Amy June Bates
- *Come On, Rain!* by Karen Hess
- *Look, It's Raining* by Mathieu Pierloot
- *Sometimes Rain* by Meg Fleming
- *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* by Verna Aardema
- *In the Rain* by Elizabeth Spurr
- *Rain School* by James Rumford
- *Rain* by Robert Kalan
- *Listen to the Rain* by Bill Martin
- *Rain* by Sam Usher
- *Home in the Rain* by Bob Graham

## Other Useful Resources

### How to Make a Homemade Rain Gauge

[www.theimaginationtree.com/homemade-rain-guage](http://www.theimaginationtree.com/homemade-rain-guage)

### YouTube

- *Singing in the Rain/Umbrella* – This is a performance by Glee where they combine “Singing in the Rain” and “Umbrella” by Rhianna. Very fun and upbeat!
- *The Water Cycle-How Rain is Formed* – This is a fun animated video about the water cycle.
- *Water Cycle Song*- This video introduces the water cycle through an interactive sing-along-song.

### Finger Plays/Flannel Board/Songs

#### Five Umbrellas

Five Umbrellas flannel story (cut out umbrellas from appropriate color)

*Five umbrellas stood by the back door, the red one went outside, then there were four. Four umbrellas stood pretty as can be, the blue one went outside, then there were three. Three umbrellas stood with nothing to do, the green one went outside, and then there was two. Two umbrellas stood watching for the sun, the yellow one went outside, then there was one. Just one umbrella stood alone in the hall, the white one went outside, and then that was all!*

#### Rain

*Rain on the green grass (Flutter fingers up and down.) Rain on the tree (Raise both hands to form tree.) Rain on the rooftop (Hands form point over head like roof.) But not on me! (Point to self.)*

## **Preschool Science Observing Pond Water**

[www.pre-kpages.com/science-kids-observing-pond-water](http://www.pre-kpages.com/science-kids-observing-pond-water)

This activity encourages scientific observations with all the senses

## **Plant Virginia Natives**

[www.plantvirginiannatives.org](http://www.plantvirginiannatives.org) **Download the guide**

*Native Plants for Virginia's Capital Region* is a FREE guide published by the **Plant RVA Natives Campaign**. This guide showcases the attractive variety of plants native to the Virginia Capital Region, which includes Henrico, Hanover, City of Richmond, Chesterfield, Charles City, New Kent, Powhatan, Goochland, Cumberland, and Amelia.

## **Exploration – Playing in the Rain**

It's so much fun to play in the rain! It's amazing how raindrops can transform nature. Children can do art, dance, and sing in the rain. Next time it rains go outside and explore instead of staying indoors. While you are out playing in the rain ask questions such as:

- How does rain feel?
- Can you hear rain?
- Can you taste rain?
- What does rain taste like?
- What color is rain?
- How does rain smell?
- What else smells like rain?
- Is rain wet or dry?

## **Thing to do at Home to Reinforce a Positive Connection between Children and Nature: Fun in the Rain**

- Take a walk in the rain
- Look for rainbows after it rains
- Have a rain gauge outside your door to measure the amount of rain that came down
- Look and dig for worms
- Provide buckets, ice trays, and recycled containers for water play in the rain
- Allow children to get wet and dirty
- Provide non-fiction books and concrete materials about the seasons, rain, and other weather
- Utilize resources from this post

