

STORYTIME AT HOME

Rain

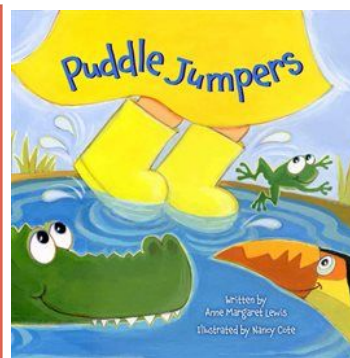
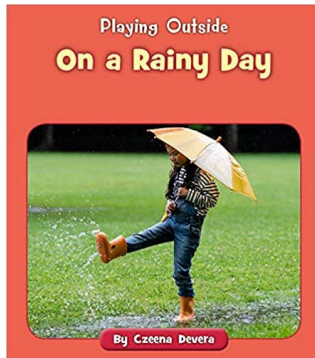
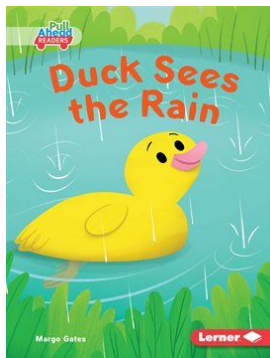
Enjoy storytime at home! It's easy and fun and helps your children practice skills that will get them ready to learn to read.



Read and Talk

Go to [Hoopla](#) to check out some titles about rain, all available with your library card. Need a library card? Apply for one [here!](#)

- [Duck Sees the Rain](#) by Margo Gates
- [On a Rainy Day](#) by Czeena Devera
- [Puddle Jumpers](#) by Ann Margaret Lewis
- [Rain!](#) by Linda Ashman



When reading with your little ones, start a conversation about your family's personal experiences related to the story. Have you splashed in a puddle or seen your reflection in it? Did you have a favorite activity to do in the rain? A special raincoat or rain boots? Making these connections helps children remember the story and build empathy for the characters.

Sing and Dance

Singing helps break down words into syllables, and dancing helps children with coordination. Don't worry about your singing voice or the tune--your little one loves to hear your voice!

R-A-I-N-Y

Now sing this to the tune of *B-I-N-G-O*:

There was a day when we got wet
and rainy was the weather
R-A-I-N-Y, R-A-I-N-Y, R-A-I-N-Y,
and rainy was the weather!

(substitute a clap for the R in the next verse, R-A in the next verse, etc.)

1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Raindrops

Counting songs are easy to remember and build fundamental math skills.

1 little, 2 little, 3 little raindrops

4 little, 5 little, 6 little raindrops

7 little, 8 little, 9 little raindrops

10 little raindrops on my (...pause...) head

(repeat with other body parts like *nose, toes, knee tummy, etc.*)

Rain is Falling Down--Splash!

Here is a fun one to sing with your little one on your lap. There is no special tune to sing.

Here is a [library version](#) for a baby.

Rain is falling down. Splash!

Rain is falling down. Splash!

Pitter patter, pitter patter,

Rain is falling down. Splash!

Sun is peeking out. Peek!

Sun is peeking out. Peek!

Peeking here, peeking there,

Sun is peeking out. Peek!

Let's dance!

Grab your umbrellas (or anything you can hold above your head) and dance along to Laurie Berkner's [Umbrella](#) song.

Take a Nature Walk

Put on your rain gear and take your little one outside.

Listen to the rain. What does it sound like on the grass? What does it sound like drumming on a plastic bucket or a metal trash can? Can you catch a raindrop with your tongue? Where do the birds go when it rains? Are they still singing?

Nature walks are great fun, and research suggests that nature walks may boost our mental health.