



## “Rain” by Linda Ashman

*One rainy day in the city, an eager little boy exclaims, “Rain!” Across town a grumpy man grumbles, “Rain.” In this endearing picture book, a rainy-day cityscape comes to life in vibrant, cut-paper-style artwork.(Amazon)*

"This will be ideal to share in late winter when everyone is suffering from the winter blues and needs a reminder to make the most of the gloom and gray." —*School Library Journal*

### Let’s Talk

Ask children;

How do you feel when it rains? Snows? Sunny? Foggy?

What things make you happy or sad? Can people make you happy or sad?

What can you do to make someone else feel better?

### Let’s Move

If possible, let children play in water or water beads:

(<https://www.amazon.com/Kids-Water-Beads-Sensory-Toys/dp/B01FQTFR34>)

Fill shallow tub with water and add plastic characters or animals. Let their imaginations take over.

Place blue fabric or paper on the floor and have children jump into a pretend puddle. See if they can jump on 1 foot, both feet, with their hands on their head...

Roll and Splash (outdoor activity)

Materials Needed: Shallow pan (full of water), 1 die (we used the large foam die)

Have the children sit in a circle around the pan of water. Take turns rolling the die until someone rolls a 6. The lucky person who rolls a six then gets to slap their hand in the pan, and splash everyone else. Continue refilling the water and rolling until everyone has had a turn to splash. This game was not only great for number recognition, but for practicing turn taking and being patient.

### Let’s Create

Make or decorate cookies to share with a special someone.

Make paper hats they can be decorated to look like a frog or Irish cap.

Draw a picture of yourself splashing in a puddle. Use water colors.

### Pair with:

“Float” by Daniel Miyares

