

Raindrops to Rainbow

A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Themes: Colors, Courage, Emotions, Weather

Book Brief: In this rhyming story, a little girl feels sad and anxious during a dark, gray rainstorm, but still finds colors to enjoy. She is excited to go outside when the sky clears and name the colors of the rainbow she sees, and realizes that without rainstorms, there can be no rainbows.

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TIME TO READ!

Before: Read the title of the story and have your child point to the rainbow on the cover. What colors do they see? Ask your child about when they've seen a rainbow. Where did they see it? What was happening when they saw it? Let your child know that this story is about colors, both in the rainbow and out. How many colors do they think will be in the story?

During: As you read, have your child point out the colors mentioned in the story, and other colors they notice as well. Discuss how the little girl feels at different points in the story. Do her feelings change? Why do they change?

After, ask questions:

- What colors were in the rainbow? How many did the girl find?
- How does the little girl feel about rain at the end of the story? Why does she feel that way?
- Do you see any of the colors in the story at our house?



CONVERSATION STARTERS

Print Awareness is an important area for learning to read. Print awareness includes learning that letters make up words in print, and written words represent spoken words. In this story, color words appear frequently and are highlighted in larger text and in their color. As you read, have your child help you read these words, noticing their color and pointing out some of the letters in word, particularly the first letter. Children often delight in pointing out words they recognize or remember during repeated readings of stories, and this practice helps them develop print awareness.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

MAKING RAINBOWS

Materials: paper, coloring utensils, anything!

Talk to your child about the colors of the rainbow. Let them know that rainbows have seven colors that always appear in the same order: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet. If you speak another language at home, share the colors in your home language. Then see how many rainbows you can

make at home! You can start by drawing one with crayons or markers on paper. Then find items in your home that could make a rainbow. Can you make a rainbow out of clothes? Toys? Food? Sort the colors and put them in order. You could even take pictures or draw your different rainbows and make a rainbow book!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



BOOKS ABOUT RAINBOWS

- [Rainbow \(2016\)](#)
- [Planting a Rainbow \(2003\)](#)
- [A Rainbow of my Own \(1978\)](#)