



**Oh, what will the weather be?**

**Here are some activities picked just for you to explore the weather!**

**Weather forecast:** Share a few minutes in front of the television with your child so they can see a meteorologist at work and then ask your child if they would like to forecast the weather like the meteorologist does. Next, pull out a few magazines or old books and help your child find pictures that show a sunny day, a cloudy day, a rainy day, and a snowy day. Let your child glue these pictures on a paper plate that has been divided into 4 sections. Finally, push a brad through the middle of the plate that has a construction paper arrow attached to it. Every night, tell your child to put the arrow on the picture of what they think the weather will be the next day and then every morning, let them look outside to see if their forecast was correct or if they need to change their forecast!

**Making rain:** Take an empty plastic water bottle and stuff cotton balls into the top of the bottle. Help your child add some blue food coloring to a bowl of water and then let them use a dropper to slowly drop water onto the cotton balls. As the cotton balls get heavier, water droplets will begin to drip into the bottle. This activity shows how rain comes from the clouds when they get too full of liquid!

**Tornado in a jar:** Fill a mason jar, or an empty jar of any type, with 3 cups of water, a teaspoon of dishwashing liquid, and a teaspoon of vinegar. You can add some glitter and a very small toy house (think Monopoly) or plastic animal. Seal the jar very tight and then let your child swirl the jar, holding one hand on the lid and the other on the bottom of the jar. After shaking it for about 5 seconds, set the jar down and watch the tornado form! Your child will want to do this over and over again!

**It's Snowing:** Not cold enough for it to snow? Make your own! Very slowly, pour 1-2 cups of cold water into a bowl with 4 cups of frozen baking soda. Let your child stir while you slowly add in the water until your "snow" has reached your desired consistency and then you can have indoor snowball fights and even build a snowman!