

Stories in the Clouds

Let imagination come to life while you watch the clouds together!

Materials Needed

Access to outside on a sunny day with a few clouds moving across the sky, a blanket, and imagination.



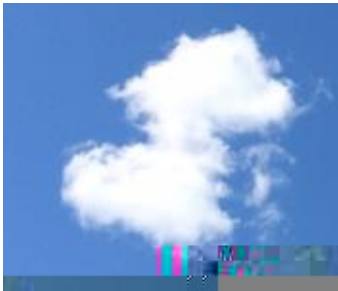
Instructions:

This is a calming activity to relax and talk with your child. It is also a good way to practice observation skills.

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Find a nice spot outside with a view of the sky (e.g. lawn, deck, grassy park). Put your blanket on the ground and lay or sit down together. Look up at the sky, away from the sun. Never look directly at the sun!

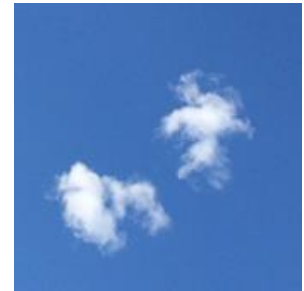
Point at the sky and talk about the shapes you see in the clouds. Encourage your child to say what they see. Tell a story together.



A butterfly_



Baby fish is swimming with mama fish. They are going to meet some friends_



A bird is flying down to her nest_

Observe other objects in the sky. Follow airplanes, observe birds, or spot insects flying overhead. Use this time to talk about other interesting topics. You could even take an outside nap together!

Are you ready to share your cloud observations and learn more about the cloud science? Become a



What is a Cloud?

When the air is warm, tiny round droplets of water rise into the air as vapor. The air is full of water, but the droplets are too tiny to see. As the water moves higher up in the atmosphere, the droplets cool off and stick together, along with other tiny things in the atmosphere like dust or pollution. Many tiny water droplets make up clouds. When enough water droplets stick