



Meeting 20

Weather or Not

Here are some fun activities that encourage Little Lambs to play and explore while learning about weather. Adapt the activities to meet the needs of your Little Lambs or create your own activities.



MEETING LENGTH

60-80 MINUTES

- Gather the Flock (5 minutes)
- Lamb Tales (10 minutes)
- Activities (40-60 minutes)
- Good-baa Little Lambs (5 minutes)

Gather the Flock

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MINUTES

Using a lamb puppet or toy lamb, greet each of the children by name and welcome them all to Little Lambs. Have the children sit in a circle.



Listen to a story about weather.

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WEATHER



Lamb Tales

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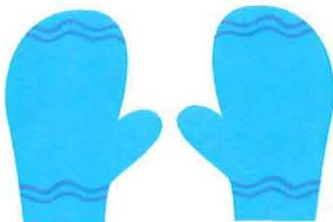
MINUTES

WEATHER

Begin by showing the children an umbrella, mittens, a scarf, and sunglasses. Then ask a child to select what she would need on a rainy day, ask another child what he would need on a snowy day, and a third child what she would need on a sunny day. Then read the book you selected. When the story's over, let the children know they will be learning more about weather.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- *Oh Say Can You See the Weather Today?: All About Weather* by Tish Rabe (Random House, 2004) or a book of your choice





The following activities fulfill the requirements for the Weather star.

Clouds and Rain

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MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Set up the activity centers listed below.

Activity 1: Place ice cubes in a bowl with a little water. Place a desk lamp near the bowl and have the children observe what happens to the water when the ice cubes melt.

Activity 2: Have the children place a cotton ball into water and then squeeze the water out. Then place the cotton ball into a plastic baggie and seal the bag. Place the baggie near a desk lamp (but not so close that the bag melts). Encourage the children to use a magnifying glass to watch for the drops of water that appear.

Activity 3: Give each child a 2-liter plastic bottle with the top cut off. Have the children put craft glue on the back of the ruler and then attach the ruler vertically inside the plastic bottle. Now they have their own rain gauge.

1 ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Ice cubes
- Bowls
- Desk lamps
- Cotton balls
- Plastic baggies
- Magnifying glasses
- 2-liter plastic bottles
- Rulers
- Craft glue
- Pictures of icebergs, clouds, and rain





ACTIVITY

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Hot and Cold

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MINUTES

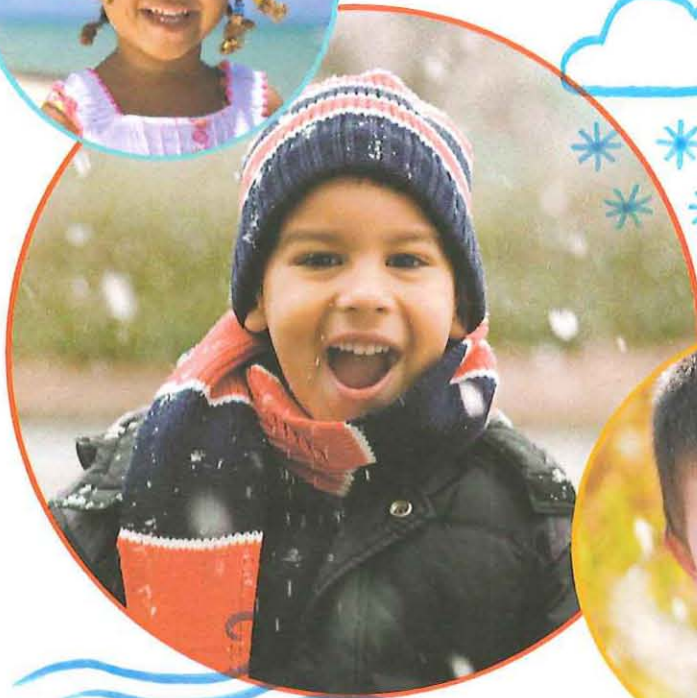
WHAT YOU DO

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Yellow, blue, and red cardboard circles, 8 in (20 cm) in diameter
- Pictures of warm and cold weather activities
- Stickers or stamps
- Envelopes

Ahead of time: Create a large game on the floor. Depending on how many Little Lambs are in your club, you may want to make more than one game. You'll need a center row of yellow circles and about 20 red and blue circles. Place all of the red circles on one side of the yellow row of circles in four by five lines and the blue on the other side. At the outside edge of the red circles, place a picture of the sun or children on a hot day. On the blue outside edge, place a picture of a snowman or children playing in the snow. Cut out pictures of weather activities that make the temperature warmer or colder (sun, clouds, wind, rain, snow) and put those pictures in envelopes.

Have the children stand on the yellow dots. One at a time, have each child take a turn pulling out of an envelope a picture of something that makes the temperature warmer or colder. If they pull out something that makes the weather warmer, they get to step toward the warm picture; if colder, they get to take a step toward the cold picture. Whenever a child reaches a picture, give them a sticker or a stamp on the hand.



Wind Art

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MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Select three colors of tempera paint and thin them with water until they are the consistency of milk. Cover the work area with newspaper.

Give each child a straw and a large sheet of construction paper. Then have an adult place a drop (about the size of a dime) of paint onto the paper. Have the children use the straw to blow on the paint. Repeat this using one or more of the colors until the paper is covered.

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ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Tempura paint
- Containers
- Straws
- Water
- Construction paper
- Smocks
- Newspaper





ACTIVITY

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Fun in the Sun

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MINUTES

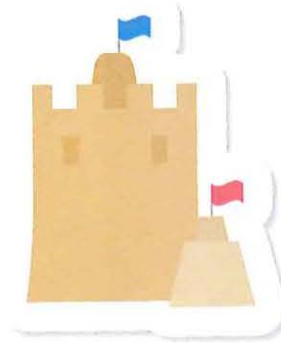
MATERIALS NEEDED

- Sand
- Tubs
- Beach or pool toys
- Beach towels and umbrellas
- Water
- Pictures of kids playing at the pool or beach

WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Fill half of the tubs with sand and the other half with water. Set up a beach scene with beach and pool toys and pictures of kids playing at the pool or beach. You can also place beach towels and umbrellas out for the children to play with.

Encourage the children to play in the sand and water.



Good-baa Little Lambs

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MINUTES

Gather the children into a circle and ask them a specific question about what they learned during Little Lambs. Example: What makes the temperature colder? Sing "Jesus Is My Shepherd" (p. 175) and then rejoin the rest of the Adventurers for your closing program.



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