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# JUMP In!

Leaping into Faith with Little Ones

## WHETHER THE WEATHER

A five-session series for use with Preschool children to explore what the weather is like.

### SUGGESTED RESOURCES

- *God's Big Promises Bible Storybook*, written by Carl Laferton and illustrated by Jennifer Davison
- *The Play-Along Bible*, Bob Hartman
- Percussion Instruments

# Whether the Weather

SESSION ONE: WHETHER THE WEATHER BE COLD AND FROSTY



## BIBLE STORY

Psalm 147:1,8,16-18, ICB

*Talk about the weather – what’s the weather like today?*

*Talk about when the weather is cold – how do we keep warm? What clothes do we wear?*

*Talk about how when God created the world, he created the different types of weather for the Earth to flourish – for trees and plants to grow, for animals and humans to have food and water, for the whole world to thrive just as God planned. This means that whatever the weather, we can be thankful to God.*



## SONG SUGGESTIONS

### 1. Theme Song

I like the sunshine, I like the rain,  
I like the wind and snow.

Any kind of weather, it’s all right by me,  
Yo, ho, ho, ho, ho.

For God made the sunshine, God made the rain,

God made the wind and snow.

Any kind of weather, it’s all right by me,  
Yo, ho, ho, ho, ho.

(No 70 in *Big Blue Planet*, Stainer and Bell)

### 2. ‘What’s the Weather Like?’

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8xwhoLBwB4>

3. ‘Here we go round the mulberry bush, on a cold and frosty morning.’

### Action Rhyme

Whether the weather be fine, (*Hands open*)

Or whether the weather be not. (*Wag finger and shake head*)

Whether the weather be cold, (*Cross arms, rub shoulders*)

Or whether the weather be hot. (*Wipe back of hand across brow*)

We’ll weather the weather, (*Open left hand, open right hand*)

Whatever the weather, (*Palms up and shrug shoulders*)

Whether we like it or not! (*Nod head, shake head and wag finger*)



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## CRAFT IDEAS



Use an outline of woolly hats and mittens and decorate them with stickers or paint them using frozen paint in ice cubes.

Make drinks of hot chocolate and add cream and marshmallows. Alternatively, taste porridge with honey, syrup or jam. *Be aware of allergies.*

For other weather-related crafts see <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/FamilyMinistriesUKIT/weather-themed-crafts/>



## PRAYER

When it's cold we shiver from our heads down to our toes. (*Brrrrr*)  
Our fingers feel all icy and we get a runny nose! (*Atishoo*)  
But even on the coldest day we still can have some fun.  
If we put our hats and coats on – and run, and run, and run! (*Run on the spot*)  
Thank you, God, for days when it's cold!  
Amen.

## SENSORY PLAY



- Before the session, fill small containers, such as plastic bottles or ice cube trays, with coloured water and freeze. Let children feel how cold it is by putting their hands near but only allow them to touch the ice if they are wearing gloves.
- Use frosted flakes to create a play scene using people figures and vehicles.



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# Whether the Weather

SESSION TWO: WHETHER THE WEATHER BE RAINY



## BIBLE STORY

Psalms 147:1,8,16-18, ICB

Genesis 6: 8-9,22

*The Play-Along Bible*, Bob Hartman,  
'Safe from the storm', p18.

*God's Big Promises Bible Storybook*,  
Carl Laferton, 'Noah builds an ark',  
p33.

*Talk about the weather – what's  
the weather like today?*

*Talk about when it rains – how do  
we keep dry? What clothes do we  
wear? Why is rain important? Tell  
the story of Noah's Ark and how it  
rained for a very long time, and that  
even though the world was flooded,  
God kept Noah, his family and all  
the animals safe. Talk about how  
the rainbow is God's promise that  
he will never destroy the whole  
Earth by flooding again.*



## SONG SUGGESTIONS

### 1. Theme Song

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Yo, ho, ho, ho, ho.

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God made the wind and snow.  
Any kind of weather, it's all right by me,  
Yo, ho, ho, ho, ho.

### 2. 'What's the Weather Like?'

<https://youtu.be/z8xwhoLBwB4>

### 3. 'Rain, rain, go away'

<https://youtu.be/LFrKYjrlDs8>

### 4. 'Mister Noah Built An Ark'

<https://youtu.be/Ht-5bMHRJog?list=RDHt-5bMHRJog>

### 5. 'God's Rainbow'

[https://youtu.be/07x5hgeWgJc?si=nyo6F1SRZ\\_u8ka3\\_](https://youtu.be/07x5hgeWgJc?si=nyo6F1SRZ_u8ka3_)

### Action Rhyme

Whether the weather be fine, (*Hands open*)  
Or whether the weather be not. (*Wag finger and shake  
head*)

Whether the weather be cold, (*Cross arms, rub  
shoulders*)

Or whether the weather be hot. (*Wipe back of hand  
across brow*)

We'll weather the weather, (*Open left hand, open right  
hand*)

Whatever the weather, (*Palms up and shrug shoulders*)

Whether we like it or not! (*Nod head, shake head and  
wag finger*)



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SESSION TWO: WHETHER THE WEATHER BE RAINY



## CRAFT IDEAS

Make simple rain makers using cardboard tubes and rice.

For other weather-related crafts see <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/FamilyMinistriesUKIT/weather-themed-crafts/>



## PRAYER

Thank you, God, for when it rains and gives us lots of water.

For there are many, many things that we can do with water -

Wash our clothes, clean the house, drink a glass of water,

Have a bath, play and swim, wash my face with water,

Grow some plants, make some food, splash around in water.

Thank you, God, for when it rains and gives us lots of water!

Amen.

## SENSORY PLAY



- Water play with watering cans and plenty of containers for pouring.
- Have some uncooked rice in a plastic tray that can be scooped up and made to sound like rain when it is poured.



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SESSION THREE: WHETHER THE WEATHER BE WINDY



## BIBLE STORY

Psalm 148:7-8 ERV

*The Play-Along Bible*, Bob Hartman, 'A Walk on the Water', p74.

*God's Big Promises Bible Storybook*, Carl Laferton, 'Jesus and the Storm', p268.

*Talk about the weather – what's the weather like today?*

*Talk about when it windy – how do we know when it is windy?*

*Tell the story of either Peter walking on the water or Jesus calming the storm. In both these stories we see Jesus keep his friends safe from the windy, stormy weather.*



## SONG SUGGESTIONS

### 1. Theme Song

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Yo, ho, ho, ho, ho.

For God made the sunshine, God made the rain,

God made the wind and snow.

Any kind of weather, it's all right by me,  
Yo, ho, ho, ho, ho.

### 2. 'What's the Weather Like?'

<https://youtu.be/z8xwhoLBwB4>

### 3. 'Row, row, row your boat'

#### Action Rhyme

Whether the weather be fine, (*Hands open*)

Or whether the weather be not, (*Wag finger and shake head*)

Whether the weather be cold, (*Cross arms, rub shoulders*)

Or whether the weather be hot. (*Wipe back of hand across brow*)

We'll weather the weather, (*Open left hand, open right hand*)

Whatever the weather, (*Palms up and shrug shoulders*)

Whether we like it or not! (*Nod head, shake head and wag finger*)



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# Whether the Weather

SESSION THREE: WHETHER THE WEATHER BE WINDY



## CRAFT IDEAS

Paint pictures by blowing paint across the page using straws.

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## PRAYER

Use this traditional rhyme as a prayer with actions.

I see the wind when the leaves dance by, *(Dance hands around)*  
I see the wind when the clothes wave 'Hi!' *(Wave hand)*  
I see the wind when the trees bend low, *(Bend arms down)*  
I see the wind when the flags all blow. *(Wave arms high)*  
I see the wind when the kites fly high, *(Raise arms high)*  
I see the wind when the clouds float by. *(Wave hand gently)*  
I see the wind when it blows my hair, *(Lift hair with hands)*  
I see the wind 'most everywhere! *(Hold hands out, palms up)*

Thank you, God, for windy days.  
*(Hands together)*  
Amen.

## SENSORY PLAY

- Play parachute games. Feel the wind that is created when you move the parachute.
- Blow bubbles. If it's windy outside – go out and watch the bubbles blow around.



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# Whether the Weather

SESSION FOUR: WHETHER THE WEATHER BE SNOWY



## BIBLE STORY

Psalm 147:1,8,16-18, *ICB*

Psalm 148:7-8, *ERV*

*Talk about the weather – what’s the weather like today?*

*Talk about when it snows. Do you like to play in the snow? - to build a snowman or go sledging?*

*Talk about how God creates every snowflake to be different and how we are all different too. We can praise God because we are all special and he loves us all very much.*



## SONG SUGGESTIONS

### 1. Theme Song

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Any kind of weather, it’s all right by me,  
Yo, ho, ho, ho, ho.

For God made the sunshine, God made the rain,

God made the wind and snow.

Any kind of weather, it’s all right by me,  
Yo, ho, ho, ho, ho.

### 2. ‘What’s the Weather Like?’

<https://youtu.be/z8xwhoLBwB4>

### 3. ‘Snowflakes, Snowflakes’

<https://youtu.be/TDJlhayM9dw>

### 4. ‘I Love That God Loves Me’

[https://youtu.be/1SNttzK\\_Nhk?si=JAIH-zQwMU35U-di](https://youtu.be/1SNttzK_Nhk?si=JAIH-zQwMU35U-di)

### Action Rhyme

Whether the weather be fine, (*Hands open*)  
Or whether the weather be not, (*Wag finger and shake head*)

Whether the weather be cold, (*Cross arms, rub shoulders*)

Or whether the weather be hot. (*Wipe back of hand across brow*)

We’ll weather the weather, (*Open left hand, open right hand*)

Whatever the weather, (*Palms up and shrug shoulders*)

Whether we like it or not! (*Nod head, shake head and wag finger*)



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# Whether the Weather

## SESSION FOUR: WHETHER THE WEATHER BE SNOWY



### CRAFT IDEAS

Make snowflake pictures using paint or cotton wool.

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### PRAYER

When it snows, we love to play,  
Build a snowman – ride a sleigh!  
Making footprints as we run,  
Throwing snowballs is such fun!  
So, we want to shout and pray,  
Thank you, God, for a snowy day!  
Amen.

### SENSORY PLAY

- Make a mixture of cornflour and water and see if the children can make a snowman.
- Use mini white marshmallows in a tray to create a snowy scene – but expect them all to be eaten!



# Whether the Weather

SESSION FIVE: WHETHER THE WEATHER BE SUNNY



## BIBLE STORY

Psalm 19:4-6, *GNT*

Genesis 1:1-5,14-19

*The Play-Along Bible*, Bob Hartman, 'Sky High', p6 and 'Sun, Moon and Stars – Oh My!', p9.

*Talk about the weather – what's the weather like today?*

*Talk about when it's sunny. How does it feel? What do you like to do when it's sunny?*

*Talk about how we must be careful when it's very sunny.*

*Tell the group about how God created the sun to bring both light and warmth to the Earth.*



## SONG SUGGESTIONS

### 1. Theme Song

I like the sunshine, I like the rain,  
I like the wind and snow.

Any kind of weather, it's all right by me,  
Yo, ho, ho, ho, ho.

For God made the sunshine, God made the  
rain,

God made the wind and the snow.

Any kind of weather, it's all right by me,  
Yo, ho, ho, ho, ho.

### 2. 'What's the Weather Like?'

<https://youtu.be/z8xwhoLBwB4>

### 3. 'The Sun Has Got His Hat On'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTZcADVbTuc>

### 4. 'I Love the Sun, It Shines On Me'

#### Action Rhyme

Whether the weather be fine, (*Hands open*)  
Or whether the weather be not, (*Wag finger  
and shake head*)

Whether the weather be cold, (*Cross arms,  
rub shoulders*)

Or whether the weather be hot. (*Wipe back  
of hand across brow*)

We'll weather the weather, (*Open left hand,  
open right hand*)

Whatever the weather, (*Palms up and shrug  
shoulders*)

Whether we like it or not! (*Nod head, shake  
head and wag finger*)



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## CRAFT IDEAS

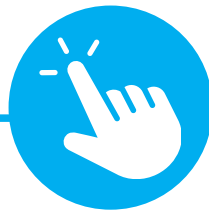
Make sunshine biscuits using yellow icing and sweets or sprinkles to decorate. Be aware of food allergies.

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## PRAYER

Dear God,  
Thank you for the sun that brings light and warmth to the world.  
Thank you for sunny summer days when we can feel its warmth as we play outside.  
Thank you for cold winter days when the sun shines brightly and melts the snow and ice.  
Whatever the weather is like, please help us to look after the world you created for us because we know how special it is.  
Amen.



## SENSORY PLAY

- Have a sand tray with buckets and spades. Build sandcastles and make shapes in the sand.



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