

Water Wonderers – all about us

# By Children and Families from the Picture Book Program

Drip drop, drip drop.

Where are you?

Drip drop, drip drop.

We feel you…

Raining from the sky!

Join our curious Water Wonderers as they use all their senses to follow the water from drips of rain to the salty drops of the deep sea.

Children wonder at the world around them through their five senses. They touch, see, hear, taste and smell as they observe, question and discover their surroundings.

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### About this project

The Picture Book Program 2015 is a partnership between two branches of the City of Melbourne – Community Services (Family Services) and Arts and Culture (ArtPlay). The program is designed to engage families from within the municipality. It aims to encourage an awareness and enjoyment of literacy and the creative process, in a fun and supportive environment.

The art in this book was created by the attending children, using everyday materials, curiosity, and experimentation. The result is a book to be enjoyed again and again.

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# Water Wonderers

Drip Drop, Drip drop

Where are you?

Drip drop, Drip drop

We feel you

Raining from the sky.

Drip Drop, Drip drop

Where are you?

Drip drop, Drip drop

We see you

Making ripples in the river.

Drip drop, drip drop

Where are you?

Drip drop, drip drop

We hear you

Gurgling through the pipes.

Drip Drop, Drip drop

Where are you?

Drip drop, Drip drop

We taste you

Salty on the wind.

Drip drop, drip drop

Where are you?

Drip drop, drip drop

We dream of you

Playing and exploring in the deep blue ocean!

# Activities

## Rain Sticks – an activity in listening

### You will need:

* Cardboard tube (such as postage tube or roll from a paper towel)
* Mixed collage materials (tape, stickers, adhesive contact)
* ¼ cup raw rice
* Aluminum foil
* Baking paper

### Instructions:

Decorate your rain stick however you like! Close one end using a square of baking paper and some coloured tape. Make a long twist of aluminium foil and insert into the open end of the tube. Next pour in one quarter cup of uncooked rice. Close the other end as you did the first. Slowly turn your rain stick around and listen carefully to the sound it makes. Can you hear the rain?

### Water Wondering Tip:

What else sounds like rain? Try scrunching some paper or playing with rice in a bowl to see if you can create some other stormy sounds.

## Cloud Dough Recipe - an activity in feeling

### You will need:

* 8 cups flour
* 1 cup vegetable oil,
* 1 tablespoon of non-toxic paint powder (optional)
* A mixing spoon and large bowl

### Instructions:

In a large bowl, stir together the vegetable oil and flour. Add paint powder and mix again. This super sensory dough can be easily moulded and shaped, yet it slides through your fingers as soft as a cloud. Cloud dough is nontoxic and will last in an airtight container for a few weeks.

### Water Wondering Tip

Hide small toys or objects in the dough for your child to find. Perhaps you can make a snowy winter wonderland with your dough.

## Water Play Ideas – an activity to use all the senses

### Instructions:

Water play can be small or large-scale, take place inside or outside, in summer or winter and it offers endless enjoyment for adults and children of all ages. The idea is simple: fill a vessel with water (preferably a low open one, such as a baking tray, wash tub or a sink) and let the fun begin! Create an engaging activity by providing both objects that float and sink, such as leaves and rocks. Include assorted items for pouring and filling such as cups, small bowls, bottles and funnels.

### Water Wondering Tip:

If it’s a sunny day and you have an outdoor area, grab a paintbrush and give painting with water a go on a deck or fence. For an extra challenge tape a paintbrush to the end of a stick.