

When the Storm Comes



A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Themes: Animals, Family, Storms, Weather

Book Brief: When a storm comes into town, people, animals, and the environment are affected. The story shows what happens before, during, and after for all three.

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TIME TO READ!

Before: Read the title of the story and look at the cover together. Ask your child to share what they think is happening in the picture. Ask them how they think the boy is feeling and how they feel when a storm comes to their home.

During: As you read, stop to talk about what the animals and people are doing. How does what they are doing help them get ready for the storm? What do they do during and after the storm? Why do you think they do those things? What changes do you see in the weather in the story? How do you know the weather is changing?

After, ask questions:

- Have you ever seen weather like that where we live? What was the same? What was different?
- How did the people and animals feel before/during/after the storm? How do you feel during or after a storm? What do you like to do on windy days?
- What are some things that we do when a storm comes? How do those things help us? *Note: if your child is fearful of storms, use this time to reassure them that you will keep them safe using the strategies you discussed together.



CONVERSATION STARTERS

As a child develops **Story Awareness**, they learn how a story is organized, how it sounds when it is read, and gain new vocabulary through repeated readings with adults. This story is written in rhyming text. As you read the book again and again, point out the rhyming text and repeat the rhyming words to showcase the similar ending sounds in rhymes.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

WEATHER REPORT

Materials: paper, writing utensils

Have your child check and track the weather every day. Ask them what they see outside (cloudy, sunny, etc.), how it feels outside (warm, cold, etc.), and what they think they should wear. Write their findings down on a chart or a calendar. At the end of a month, tally

up the weather for the month. How many sunny days? How many rainy days? What was the month like most of the time? Sunny and cold? Cloudy and cool? What do they think it will be like next month?



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



BOOKS ABOUT STORMS

- **Thunder Cake (1997)**
- **The Storm Book (1989)**
- **The Wonder of Thunder (2021)**