

# Water Can Be...

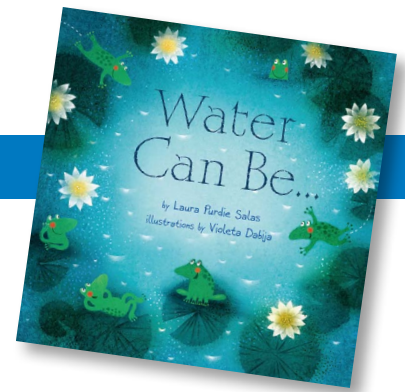
## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Themes:** Water Cycle, Environment, Seasons

**Book Brief:** A seasonal look at the variety of ways in which water is used in the world.

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### TIME TO READ!

**Before reading, make predictions:** What uses for water do you think will be in the book? What do you think the author's purpose will be?

**While reading, make connections:** How many of the scenes are you familiar with? Have you ever noticed water being used this way? Explain. How do you usually use water?

**After reading, ask questions:**

- ◆ Is water always a liquid?
- ◆ What other forms did water take in this book?
- ◆ Which use of water was your favorite? Why?
- ◆ Does water change with the seasons?
- ◆ What other ways can water be used?
- ◆ Why is it important to protect our water sources?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### RAINY DAY DELIGHTS

Ingredients: oranges or apples, pretzel sticks, blueberries, paper plate

Cut the fruit into thin wedges. Let your child "draw" a rainy day scene on a paper plate using a fruit wedge to make an umbrella, a pretzel stick to make the umbrella handle, and blueberries to represent rain. Enjoy!

### RAINDROP RACE

Rainy day? Grab a friend or sibling and have a raindrop race! Stand near a window. Each person should pick a raindrop as it hits against the glass. Follow the raindrops until they hit bottom to see whose raindrop wins the race.



Pick another raindrop and start the race again!

### WATER ART

Materials: heavy duty paper plate, white crayon, food coloring, water

Draw a design on the plate with crayon; make your lines heavy. Sprinkle a few drops of food coloring on the plate. Either place the plate outside during a light rain or use a dropper to simulate raindrops falling on the plate. What happens to the food coloring as the water is added? Let the plate dry and see your crayon design appear through all the colors!

### DRINK UP!

Where does drinking water come from? Tour a water treatment plant online to find out: <http://water.epa.gov/drink/tour/index.cfm> (in English or español).



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*A Rock Can Be...* (2015)

*A Leaf Can Be...* (2012)

*Book Speak! Poems About Books* (2011)



Reading Is Fundamental