Children's Meeting – PreK & K – Lesson 9

TITLE -- CLOUDS

Main Burden – How wonderful God is in His creation! God is really a God of provision and beauty. Be thankful to God who created clouds which brings us a wonderful supply.

I Introduction

1. Welcome the children, check any new ones or visitors, and learn their names.
2. Make sure the children know the teachers' names.

II Notebook & Memory Verse

1. Ask the children who can say their memory verse from last week.
2. Allow those who know the verse to say it one by one.
3. Put sticker on their lesson next to the memory verse.

III Review previous lessons

1. God created the sky,
2. The sky separated the waters.
3. The water above is in the clouds.
4. The water below is in the oceans.
5. Water is very important to us.
6. Plants, animals and people need water to survive.

IV Lesson

1. Today we are going to talk more about clouds.
2. Have you ever wondered how the clouds stay up there in the sky?
3. What holds them there?
4. Sometimes when they are dark grey it means that they are full of water and very heavy. So how do they stay up there?
5. Clouds come in many different shapes – some are fluffy, some are like feathers.
6. No one can count them.
7. At sunset they are beautiful – when the sun is setting it makes them look red and pink and fiery.
8. God shows us He is a God of beauty and loves beautiful colors and wants us to enjoy the beautiful things He created for us.
9. We love to see the blue sky and the sunshine.
10. When a cloud hides the sun from us, we may say, "Oh! The sun is gone!" But actually it is just hiding behind the clouds.
11. If we fly in an airplane, sometimes we fly through the clouds, and we will see the blue sky and the sunshine above the clouds. It is beautiful, and we can see the clouds below the airplane look like fluffy snow. It lookS like I could walk on top of the clouds.
12. When the clouds are dark, it means that the cloud is holding a lot of little drops of water, and will rain soon.

13. No one can shout at the clouds and say "Stop raining," to make it stop raining.
14. God makes the rain start and He makes the rain stop.
15. God does not allow rain to come down too hard, otherwise it will break the plants and knock us over.
16. Rain waters the plants and the vegetables.
17. Rain gives us water to drink.
18. We need to say thank you to God for sending the clouds to bring the rain.
19. People can tell what kind of day it will be by looking up at the clouds.
20. Farmers especially know whether it is a good day to start harvesting the crops by looking at the clouds.
21. There is a story in the Bible about a time when it didn't rain for a long time, and the people were so hungry and thirsty. (I Kings 18:41-45) A man called Elijah prayed to God for rain, and when his servant ran to the top of the hill and saw a small cloud, he knew that God gave a sign that it was going to rain. And soon the cloud got bigger and bigger, it started to pour down rain. Elijah believed that God had answered his prayer when he saw that little cloud, and he ran for shelter so he was dry and did not get soaked in the rain.

V Give each child his/her lesson sheet.
Read the lines on the lesson with the children, and have them repeat after you.
You may want to repeat each line at least twice.

VI Memory Verse: (Say it to the children and then have them repeat with you several times)

"He binds up the waters in His thick cloud." Job 26:8

VII Song (These are suggested songs, you may sing other songs that the children like.)

My God is so big

VIII Coloring Page
Today we are going to color this page (show the children the coloring page) showing the sun is hiding behind some clouds.

IX Craft – Cloud and Rain Drops

X Preparation – Know the main burden of this lesson.
Read and pray over I Kings 18:41-45.
Make copies of the lesson and the coloring page for the children.
CRAFT you'll need:

. Tissue paper (various shades of blue)
. Contact paper, String or yarn, Tape,
. Raindrop template
. Scissors, Glue, Hole punch
. Cotton balls
. Construction paper
. Thin cardboard (we cut apart a cereal box for ours)
. Googly eyes

Lesson 9 GOD'S CREATION – CLOUDS

God created clouds.

Some clouds are fluffy and white.

Clouds have different shapes.

Dark clouds bring us rain.

Bible Verse:

He binds up the waters in His thick cloud.

Job 26:8

My God is so big,
So strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God cannot do.
(clap, clap)

My God is so big,
So strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God cannot do.
(clap, clap)

The mountains are His,
The rivers are His,
The stars are His handiwork too.
(clap, clap)

My God is so big,
So strong and so mighty,
There's nothing my God cannot do.
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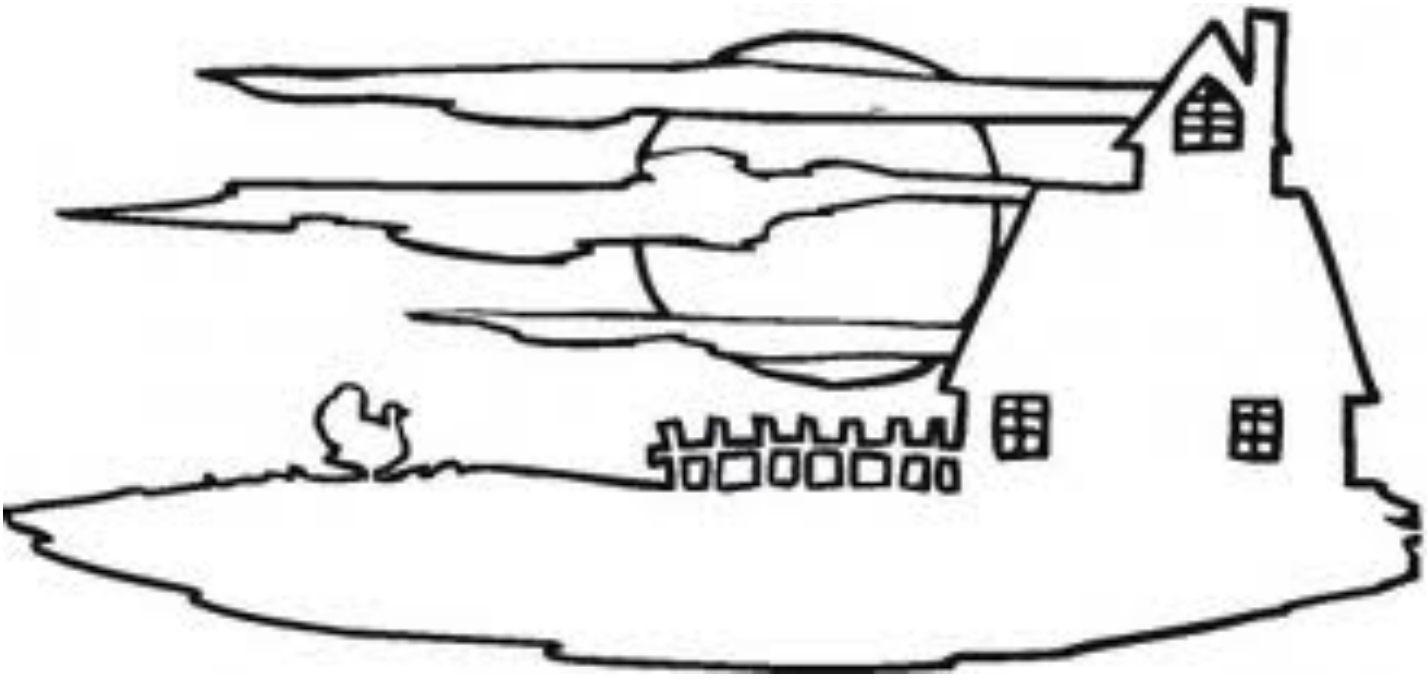
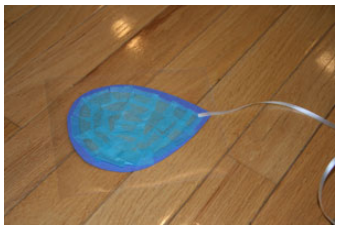
GOD CREATED CLOUDS

He binds up the waters in His thick cloud.

Job 26:8

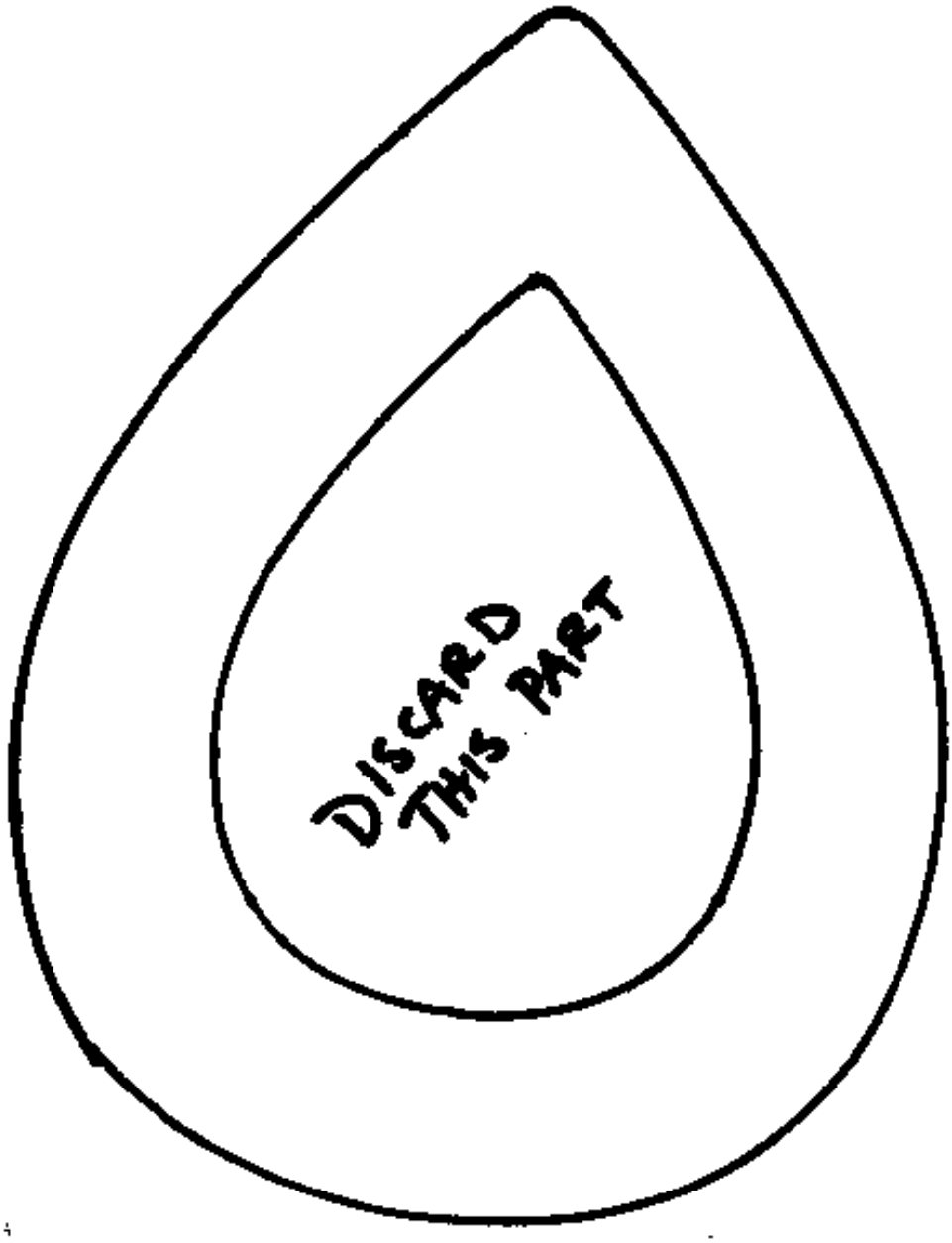


Craft -- Fluffy cotton ball cloud and contact paper raindrops



Directions

- Cut a big cloud shape out of thin cardboard.
- Use a hole punch to punch three holes in the bottom of the cloud.
- Cut three pieces of string and tie a piece of string to each hole. The raindrops will hang down from these strings. It's easier to do this step now then when it's covered with cotton balls.
- Cover the cardboard with white glue and stick on the cotton balls until the whole surface is covered.
- Cut a red smile out of construction paper and glue it and two large googly eyes to the cloud. Set it aside to dry.
- Print our raindrop template and cut it out. Discard the center piece.
- Trace the template onto black construction paper. Make three raindrops.
- Cut a piece of contact paper that is bigger than the raindrop. Peel off the back and stick the template to it.
- Cut the tissue paper into small squares (approx. 1"x1").
- Use the tissue paper to fill in the raindrop. It will stick right to the contact paper. Overlap the squares as you go and it's ok if the tissue paper goes outside of the construction paper template line.
- Cut a second piece of contact paper, peel the back off and carefully stick it on top of the first, covering the tissue paper filled raindrop.
- Cut out the raindrop.
- Repeat for all the raindrops.
- Tape the raindrops to the strings hanging off the cloud.
- Hang your finished craft in the window.



RAINDROP TEMPLATE