



Helping Your Kindergartener Thrive

This Week's Lesson: The Rain Came Down

What You'll Need

- A phone with internet (if you do not have this, skip to 'Alternative Instructions')

What to Do

- Read or watch "The Rain Came Down" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MV8snbVhXKU>)
- As you read or watch, think about cause and effect: notice the way that the weather impacts what people do, say, and feel.
- Ask your child to identify a few ways that cause and effect impact the story. Here are a few examples:
 - What happens in the story because the dog barks?
 - What happens in the story because the police man parks his car in the street?
 - What happens because the rain stops and the sun comes out?
- Explain that cause and effect happens in real life, too. Work together to think of real instances of cause and effect.

Alternative Instructions

(if you don't have a phone to watch the story, or a copy of the book on-hand)

- Explain the idea of cause and effect: that is, when one thing happens that immediately causes something else to happen.
- Explain that cause and effect happen in real life, too, and review some examples:
 - Cause: clouds in the sky | Effect: rain comes
 - Cause: toys on the floor | Effect: someone trips on the toys
 - Cause: something unfair happens | Effect: angry feelings
- Work together with your child to identify a few more cause and effect relationships in real life.

Keep It Going

- Keep your eyes peeled for real-life cause and effect relationships in the world. It can almost relate to anything--cooking, playing, natural events (like weather), feelings, etc. Get creative!