RAIN

Brainstorm everything you know about rain and water cycle.

Think about both scientific facts & natural benefits.

Look up some fun & fascinating facts.

Explore this Hebrew word & picture

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Can you think of any fictional books or movies that use the rain to establish a particular mood in the narrative?

What thoughts and feelings does the rain stir up inside of you?

List as many Bible stories as you can recall that feature rain.

Read this selection of verses and ponder God's use of the theme in Scripture:

Genesis 7:4-12
Deut 11:16-17, 28:1-12
1 Kings 18:41-46 & James 5:16-18
Isaiah 44:14, 55:10
Ezekiel 34:23-27
Matthew 5:44-45, 7:24-27
Hebrews 6:4-8

God rains down or pours out many other things besides water. Read & ponder

Genesis 19:24, Exodus 16:4
Deut 32:1-2, Hosea, 10:12, Joel 2:23-29

Take some time to reflect on all you've learned.
How does rain give glory to Jesus & illustrate God's living story?
Have you made any new discoveries?

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ENGAGE IN WONDER

How does rain illustrate God's living story? Reflect on all you're learned.

Here are some additional questions to ignite your curiosity and imagination:

- Why do you think God made the water cycle? Brainstorm other things God created that are cyclical. What does that teach you about the nature of God?
- God created some things to rain down and others to spring up. Make a list of things that God created that spring up. Also, ponder Jesus' ascension and descension.
- How is the pouring out of the Holy Spirit and "times of refreshing" illustrated by rain? What condition does our heart need to be in for the Holy Spirit to penetrate? What is our role in "pouring out" to those around us?
- It is during the most severe droughts, and thirst is unbearable, that rain is most appreciated. Why do you think God allows for spiritual droughts to occur?
- Like all other symbolic illustrations of God (fire, sun, wind, etc.) rain can be both nourishing or harmful. Why do you think both are always represented?
- In God's multi-layered story, everything physical has a spiritual parallel. Try to explain the entire planting cyclical process from a spiritual perspective.

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