

# Storytime Suggestions for *Franklin and the Thunderstorm*

*Franklin and the Thunderstorm* is recommended for ages 3–8

## Storytime Props

Make storytime more creative and fun by including props to encourage group participation, emphasize important scenes in the story and get into character.

You might include

- a thermometer
- a barometer
- rubber boots
- an umbrella
- a rain hat
- a flashlight
- a toy drum (to make thunder sounds)
- a picture of a rainbow

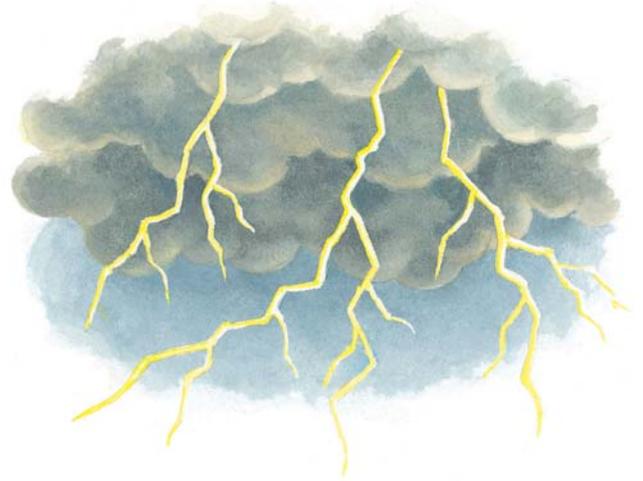


## Activity Materials

After reading the story, your group can have fun further exploring concepts that have been introduced in *Franklin and the Thunderstorm*.

To do these activities, you will need

- photocopies of the reverse activity page
- paint
- crayons or coloring pencils
- Plasticine or modeling clay



## Before You Read the Story

**Ask** your group if anyone in the group is afraid of thunder. Do they have a pet or a friend that is afraid of thunder?

**Discuss** things that are frightening. Make a list of things that can be scary.

## After You Read the Story

You can further your group's understanding of the story with these activities:

- 1 One way to help overcome fear is to learn proper safety in a scary situation. Ask your group what you should or should not do during a thunderstorm. Discuss things such as swimming, climbing a tree, etc. and make a list of thunderstorm rules.
- 2 Read the thermometer. What is the temperature? Is it warm? Is it cool? Show your group how to read a barometer. What does the barometer indicate is in store for the weather in your area?
- 3 Discuss the colors in the rainbow. Hand out photocopies of the reverse activity page. Have each child in your group make his/her own rainbow using paint, crayons, coloring pencils or modeling clay.



## Create a Rainbow

Make a rainbow using paint, crayons, coloring pencils or modeling clay.

