

Splash Around and Remember God's Love

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The next time a soft, warm rain shower (with no thunder or lightning!) is falling, send your child out to play in it, and for extra fun, join them!



Wonder together:

- “How many raindrops can we catch on our tongues?”
- “Can you find a rainbow?”
- “Let’s help the worms get to higher ground!”
- “The warm, fresh water reminds me of God’s love splashing all around at a baptism. Did you know that everyone who witnesses a baptism gets soaked in God’s love, even if they never touched the water?!”

Some children love a thrillingly LOUD rainstorm, others not so much. Whatever the preferences of your child, a powerful cleansing rainstorm can be a moment to remember the strong, cleansing love of God promised to your child (and you) in baptism. A vigorous rain settles the dust and cleans every leaf and blade of grass. So, too, God’s baptismal washing “settles the dust” of everyday distractions and disappointments by reminding us Whose we are: you and your child belong all to God, all the time, no matter what. That thought is especially comforting when other things in life feel changeable and uncertain. Like a strong rain, God’s love in baptism cleans away the “gunk” we do, feel, and experience; it gives us the gift of a fresh start day after day.