

13. Thunderstorm

Description of Sounds: The segment begins with thunder, followed by heavy rain beating on a roof, with intermittent thunder throughout. Caution: This segment may be frightening to some people while others may enjoy hearing the rain.

Discussion Questions

- What memories do these sounds bring to mind?
- What feelings do you experience when you hear a storm? (frightened, calm, etc.)
- What precautions do you take in a thunderstorm?
- What do you like to do during a storm? (read, sleep, watch the storm, etc.)
- Have you ever owned an animal who was afraid of a storm? What did it do?
- Do you like to look for rainbows after a storm?
- How do you feel when the sun comes out after a storm?
- Do you like to walk in a soft spring rain?
- Have you ever gone splashing in rain puddles for fun?
- Did you like to make mud pies when a child? What did you do with them?
- Did you have a barrel for collecting rain? What did you do with the water?
- How is rain important to farmers and gardeners?
- Did you ever read the *Farmer's Almanac* for rain predictions? Was it accurate?
- For a farmer or gardener, when is the best time for rain?
- Have you ever been able to predict rain after getting a pain somewhere? By reading the sky?
- Did you ever get caught in the rain while driving a convertible with the top down? What did you do?
- Do you know any ways to make it rain?
- Did you ever use a divining rod to find water in the ground? How did it work?

Prop Suggestions

- old mushrooms that smell like a moist woods
- collected rain water
- rain gauge, barometer
- umbrella and other rain gear
- photographs of lightning or a rainbow

Songs for Singing or Listening

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| "April Showers" | "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows" |
| "It Ain't Gonna Rain No More" | "Look for the Silver Lining" |
| "Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella" | "Pennies from Heaven" |
| "Over the Rainbow" | "Singin' in the Rain" |
| "Stormy Weather" | "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head" |
| "Soon It's Gonna Rain" | "Come Rain or Come Shine" |
| "It's Raining, It's Pouring" | "Look to the Rainbow" |
| "My Favorite Things" | |

For Movie Buffs

Show *Singin' in the Rain*.

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