

Awaking Wonder

Weather



DISCUSS:

Read Matthew 8:23-29. How did the disciples feel at the beginning of this passage? What did Jesus do? How did the disciples react? Has a weather event ever caused you to fear or marvel?

LEARN:

Begin your study of weather with the water cycle. It can be as simple as filling a glass halfway with water, covering the top with plastic wrap, and placing it in the sun to wait for evaporation. The water vapor will condense on the plastic wrap. Next, choose a form of weather common to where you live or one your child is interested in and read about it.



OBSERVE:

Set up a simple weather station. You can begin with a thermometer and a rain gauge. Children can track change over time and record their results on a chart or graph. Take a field trip to your local news station and talk to a meteorologist.

PREPARE:



Wherever you live, it is good to have a plan in place for weather emergencies. Letting your child take part in this process is a valuable life skill and can help calm anxious hearts. There are links below to resources from FEMA and the Red Cross that can help you make a plan for your circumstances. For example, my children helped stock our interior room with glow sticks and chose favorite non-perishable snacks to store with water bottles.