It Looked Like Spilt Milk is a great book to read to children. This classic book has a pattern, which children can easily recognize. Sometimes it looked like a ________, but it wasn’t a ________. This pattern is repeated throughout the book as the pictures change from one to the next. Encourage your child to repeat the phrase with you and to add what the picture is.

Talk to your child about the clouds in the sky and how they can look like different things. Take time to sit outside with your child on a cloudy day and talk about what the different clouds look like.

Add some new words to your child’s vocabulary. Talk to your child about the different types of clouds. The big white puffy clouds (Cumulus), are white, and they are always changing their shapes. Rain clouds (Nimbostratus) cover the sky and are darkened by the water they hold. When they get too heavy with water, the water falls out of the cloud and we have rain. Talk about the different types of precipitation that comes from clouds: rain, snow, sleet, hail.

**Paint Blot Pictures**
Fold a piece of blue paper in half. Open the paper, put some white paint on the paper and refold the paper. Smoosh it together to spread the paint. Open the paper and let dry.

**Make a “Cloud”**
Clipping a cotton ball in a clothespin and then dip it in white paint. Or glue cotton balls onto a piece of paper. Stretch the cotton balls for different cloud looks.

After making your art work, talk about what it looks like. Write on the paper “Sometimes it looked like a ________, but it wasn’t a ________."

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Here are some song and rhymes about clouds and weather.

**Weather Song (BINGO)**

Today the sun is in the sky, and SUNNY is the weather. 
And SUNNY is the weather!

Today the clouds are in the sky, and CLOUDY is the weather. 
C-L-O-U-D-Y! C-L-O-U-D-Y! C-L-O-U-D-Y!
And CLOUDY is the weather!

Today the clouds are on the ground, and FOGGY is the weather. 
And FOGGY is the weather!

Today the rain is coming down, and Rainy is the weather. 
And RAINY is the weather!

**The Cloud Song**

(The Farmer in the Dell)

The puffy, flat, white clouds
We call them *cumulus*
Hi-ho-a-cloud-e-oh
The puffy, flat, white clouds.

The feathery, thin white clouds
Are *cirrus* high in the sky
Hi-ho-a-cloud-e-oh
The feathery, thin white clouds.

The gray and foggy clouds
Are *stratus* low in the sky
Hi-ho-a-cloud-e-oh
The gray and foggy clouds.

The dark and stormy clouds
Watch out for *nimbus* rain
Hi-ho-a-cloud-e-oh
The dark and stormy clouds.

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**WHEN I SEE CLOUDS IN THE SKY**

(My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean)

When I see clouds in the sky,
All big and puffy and white,
When I see clouds in the sky,
The weather is sunny and bright.

White clouds, white clouds, 
White clouds up in the sky.
White clouds, white clouds, 
White clouds, puffy and dry.

When I see clouds in the sky, 
All big and solid and gray, 
When I see gray clouds in the sky, 
The weather is rainy all day. 

Gray clouds, gray clouds, 
Gray clouds up in the sky.
Gray clouds, gray clouds, 
Dropping rain from up high.