

# A Cloudy Day



Did you know that when your child feels happy and secure it helps their brain to grow properly? Children who are well loved are happy children. Help your child feel loved by giving them lots of hugs and tell them you enjoy spending time with them. When your child feels sad or afraid, comfort them. Remind them that they are safe with you. Share this story and use it as a chance to talk about feelings with them. A Cloudy Day is about a little cloud trying to find its place in the world. Discuss the story with your child as you read it - talk about what's happening

on each page and how the cloud is feeling. Enjoy it together!





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It is a beautiful new day.

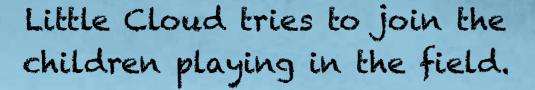
## Little Cloud floats over to the rising Sun.

"Good morning, Sun!" says the little Cloud. "Let's spend today together." "Oh dear, little Cloud," says the Sun. "I need you to move away so I can shine down and brighten everyone's day." Little Cloud goes to greet the yellow sunflowers. "Go somewhere else, little Cloud," complain the sunflowers. "How can we grow when you block out the Sun?"



"No way, little Cloud!" say the birds. "We can't see where we're flying with you around us."

Little Cloud sees a flock of birds. "Hello, birds! Can we spend today together?"



"Go away, little Cloud!" shout the children. "If our mothers see you, they'll make us go inside."



Even the squirrels chase the little Cloud away, "Brrrr!" the squirrels complain, "It's just too cold when you're around."



All alone, the sad little Cloud drifts over a desert. "No one wants me around," says the little Cloud, and begins to cry. Huge teardrops rain down on the dry sand. Plop! Plop!



"Hooray!" shout the desert creatures.

"We're so happy to see you, little Cloud!" says the thirsty cactus. "Let's spend the day together."



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