

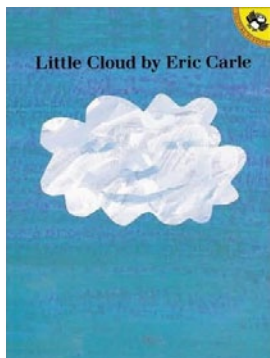
# Cloud play

## Let's play and talk together

- ❖ Go outside together and look up at the clouds in the sky.
- ❖ Talk about the shapes you see in the clouds, e.g. a fluffy sheep, a clown face, a mushroom. Talk about what you see. Use lots of descriptive words.
- ❖ Invite your child to describe something in the clouds. Create a story together about what is happening in the sky.



## A good read-together book



Little Cloud by Eric Carle

This activity helps children observe carefully, use their imaginations, and learn new descriptive words.

This is an outdoor activity for a day when the sky is filled with puffy clouds.

## Hints for success

- ❖ Help your child find some interesting shapes by pointing out the things you see. Show your child how to be imaginative.
- ❖ Try to see what your child sees. There are no wrong answers in this game.

I can see a dog over there. It's big and fluffy. Can you see its long tail?

Sometimes I think those aren't really clouds. Do you think they could be something else instead?

## Ways to say it

# More ideas for Cloud play

## Try this way

- ❖ Make up a silly story about something in the sky.
- ❖ Play this game in the woods, when you are looking at tree trunks and stumps. Use your imagination to find faces or figures in the bark.
- ❖ Look for interesting or mysterious objects in the environment. Encourage children to create stories about them with you.



## Art

Put a blob of white paint in the middle of a piece of blue paper. Fold the paper flat, then open it again. Talk with your child about the cloud shape you see on the paper when you open it. Then let your child make a cloud shape the same way.

Glue cotton balls onto blue paper to make cloud shapes.

## Book links

**It Looked Like Spilt Milk** by Charles G. Shaw

**Cloud Dance** by Thomas Locker

**Once Upon a Cloud** by Rob D. Walker

## Floating Clouds

(Sing to the tune of  
**Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**)

Floating clouds up in the sky,  
Changing shapes as you pass by.  
Floating by without a sound.  
Won't you come and touch the ground?  
Floating clouds up in the sky,  
Changing shapes as you pass by.

Anonymous