

# Kids tpe STORMY WEATHER

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## Raining fish and frogs

Have you ever heard someone say, "It's raining cats and dogs"? That doesn't mean a bunch of pets are falling from the sky. It's just a saying that means there's a lot of rain.

Strange as it may sound, there really have been reports of clouds dropping frogs, worms and other creatures. A few years ago, a sudden shower of fish surprised people in Shropshire, England.

According to scientists, such weird weather is usually the result of a tornado passing over water. Small animals and other objects can be sucked up in the waterspout and carried for miles before falling with the rain.

Storms are powerful forces that can do a lot of strange things. They can produce hail, heavy wind, thunder, lightning and floods. Sometimes storms are scary.

Jesus' disciples were afraid when they got caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee. But Jesus wasn't worried. He spoke to the storm and made it stop.

The disciples were amazed by Jesus' power. They said, "Even the wind and the sea obey Him!" (Mark 4:41, NKJV).

Jesus is more powerful than anything — even storms. When something makes you feel worried or afraid, you can call on Him in prayer. He loves you and wants to help.

"Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You" (Psalm 56:3).



## JUST FOR laughs

**What did the boy's mom say after it rained cats and dogs?**  
Don't step in any poodles.

**What's the tastiest kind of weather?**  
When it rains catsup and hot dogs.

**What's the friendliest weather?**  
A heat wave.



## Try this!

When it storms, you can figure out the distance between you and the lightning. Just count the seconds between a flash of lightning and the next clap of thunder. Then divide that number by 5 to calculate the distance in miles. Be sure to do this indoors. Anytime you see lightning or hear thunder, you should seek shelter to avoid being struck.



## Did you know?

When lightning strikes, the air around it gets heated to 50,000 degrees. That's hotter than the surface of the sun!

Lightning strikes the earth 20 million times each year. The energy from just one of those bolts could power a 100-watt light bulb for three months.

