

## April Showers

**Psalm 147:8 - *Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.***

Paul and Barnabas visited the city of Lystra – and the people were amazed at what they saw. Paul healed a man (by God’s power). The people **KNEW** the man had not been able to walk **EVER** and now they could see with their own eyes that he was **WALKING**. They were sure that Paul and Barnabas were gods sent down from above. (Who **ELSE** could do such a miracle?) The priest from the temple of Zeus even brought bulls to the city gates so the people could offer sacrifices to these strangers!

“What **ARE YOU** doing?” Paul asked. “We’re just humans like you are! We’re trying to tell you the **GOOD NEWS** of God sending His Son to earth to die for **YOUR** sins! Look around you! You can see His kindness. He sends rain for your crops so you can grow food. You should be full of joy because of what He has done!”

Wow! Did you ever think of rain as a gift from God? Hmmmm ... or do you often complain about rain because it means your ball game is cancelled or you can’t go swimming at the lake?

We can look at those people back in Lystra and say that they were wrong in believing in false gods instead of the true God. They were thankful for the miracles, but **NOT** for the One who caused the miracles. But ... how often do **WE** forget to be thankful to God?

Sure, sin has messed up our world and everything in it and sometimes that includes wind and rain.

But, think what would happen if we **DIDN’T** have **ANY** wind? Seeds wouldn’t carry from one place to another, wind energy wouldn’t work, sailing ships wouldn’t sail and kites wouldn’t fly!

And think what would happen if we didn’t have **ANY** rain? Everything would dry up – the rivers, the lakes, the ponds, the brooks. Trees and plants and animals would die. That would mean we wouldn’t have food to eat. We couldn’t exist! Think about it!

The world could not work without wind and rain.

Rain **IS** a gift from the Lord. Thank Him for April showers.



## Rain Pictures

Did you know the Bible talks a lot about rain?

In fact, the Lord uses rain as a “word picture” to help us understand things that happen in our lives.

Match up the following verses with the “word picture” the verse describes.

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| Proverbs 25:14 | Snow isn't for summer.<br>Rain isn't for harvest.<br>Honor is not for the fool.         |
| Proverbs 16:15 | Clouds that don't give rain are like someone bragging about a gift that he never gives. |
| Proverbs 26:1  | Having a happy king is like having a rain cloud in spring.                              |
| Proverbs 25:23 | A ruler who is mean to the poor is like a bad rain that destroys crops.                 |
| Proverbs 28:3  | Just as sure as a north wind causes rain, so a gossiping person causes anger.           |



April is International Guitar Month.

April is also the month we celebrate Library Week, Read-a-Road-Map Week and Karaoke Week.

And April is the month we celebrate Caramel Popcorn Day, Draw-a-Picture-of-a-Bird Day, Peanut-Butter-and-Jelly Day and don't forget National Pretzel Day.



April is also Poetry Month and we'd like to give YOU an opportunity to celebrate by writing a poem.

You can write your poem about Awana.

Or, you can write your poem about something you learned about the Bible this year.

Make sure you include your name, age and church.

If we receive more than 12 poems, we will give a prize for the best poem. (Maybe we'll even print a poem or two in an upcoming KidsPrint.)

The poem should be no more than 8 lines long.

The poem should be original. That means you can't copy it from a book or from another person.

Send your poetry to [kidsprint@awana.org](mailto:kidsprint@awana.org).

## Do YOU Want to be Famous?

We really, REALLY need your help! We do KidsPrint all summer – and we need your input!

Please ask your leader to contact us about the kids in YOUR church answering a question or telling us a riddle for KidsPrint. You and your friends will be quoted all over the world!

Tell your leader to write to [kidsprint@awana.org](mailto:kidsprint@awana.org) and we'll get in touch with him or her.

## If YOU weren't YOU who would YOU want to be?

This is what the clubbers at Lakeshore Drive Baptist Church in Aledo, Texas, said.

Elijah because he rode in a chariot of fire. Aaron, age 7

Noah, because he saved the animals on the ark. Coleman, age 8

David, because he fought Goliath. Nicholas, age 8

Lydia, because she liked the color purple. Amelia, age 10

Esther, because she had courage. Katelyn, age 10

Zacchaeus, because Jesus came to his house. Katie, age 11

Esther, because she had great courage, she was brave and strong-willed. Sarah, age 12

## Ha! Ha! Ha!

What's your favorite riddle? Here's what the clubbers at First Baptist Church, Johnstown, New York, told us.

What is green and fluffy all around?  
Collin, age 11

What did Miss Jones say to the cow?  
Nicole, age 12

How do you make a skeleton laugh?  
Ashley, age 9

## Get a Clue!

Here's a good end-of-the-year verse review.

Divide into teams. Each team will need a supply of small pieces of paper or index cards.

A team chooses a verse from the handbook and writes the verse down on the index cards. (One word per card.) The goal is for other teams to guess which verse the first team has chosen. The first team gives a clue by holding up one or two of the words. If another team guesses the verse, that team receives ten points. If no team guesses the verse, the first team shows another word and so on until the verse is guessed. (The more clues shown, the fewer points received.)

The team that correctly guesses the verse gets to "give" the next verse.

(Answers: a seaisick poodle, "Got milk?," "hit its funny bone.")



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# Listen Up

Club announcements & other fun stuff