

Gratitude and Generosity Rainstorm

Materials for Activity

- Leader Resource 1, [Raindrop Template](#)
- Leader Resource 2, [Cloud and Lightning Bolt Templates](#)
- Stiff blue, yellow, and white paper
- Poster board or large paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons in various colors

Description of Activity

Gather family members at the table. Indicate the sample raindrops, clouds and lightning bolts you have made. (Or, invite everyone to make raindrops, clouds and lightning bolts using the materials on the tables.) Explain that you will ask each person to write an expression of gratitude on one rainstorm symbol, and an offer of generous stewardship on another.

When everyone has cut out symbols, invite the family to take a moment to sit quietly. Invite everyone to consider something they are grateful for--maybe rivers themselves, or animals and plants that live in or along rivers, or some way people connect with water. While family members reflect, distribute the markers or crayons.

Tell the family:

Once you know what you are grateful for, write or draw your thanks on one symbol. Then, sit back quietly and think again, this time about what you do or could do to be generous, How can you give stewardship to the Earth's water resources? How can you be generous in taking care of water and making sure all life that needs clean water has access to it? What can you give? Write or draw that on your second symbol.

Display the symbols on a larger piece of paper or poster board.