



Today's Featured Activity: Cloud Gazing

Have you noticed there have been a lot of days with big fluffy clouds recently? Why not take some time and become a cloud gazer! On the next partly-sunny day, grab a blanket and go to your backyard, local park, or even your window at home to see what patterns and shapes you might notice in the clouds!

Find a spot with a clear view of the sky and start spotting clouds. Sometimes it's helpful to lie on the ground or sit on a park bench so your neck doesn't get tired looking up! Also, if it's a bright sunny day, sunglasses might be helpful! Next, just start to watch the clouds and ask some questions about them. What do they look like? Are they fluffy or wispy? Are they moving fast or do they seem to be standing still? Do you see animal shapes? What about other things in the sky: planes, birds, butterflies?

- This is another great opportunity to add to your nature journal. In addition to the what the clouds look like, jot down some descriptions, as well as other weather observations. Make up a cloud story! If you see a cloud that looks like a turtle being chased by a sea horse, get creative! Why would a sea horse be chasing a turtle? Are they playing tag? Who would win if they were in a race?

· Based on the clouds you saw or using these templates for more accurate clouds, make a [cloud mobile](#)! Using lightweight cardboard or cardstock, cut out shapes and hang them in a breezy area to watch clouds every day!

· If you'd like to learn more about the different types of clouds play this [digital memory game](#), when you match a pair you are give information about the type of clouds you're seeing. See if they match any of the clouds you saw cloud gazing!

· You could also make your own [cloud spotter wheel](#) to use while you're cloud gazing. This will help you learn all the different terms and features of the different types of clouds.

· To get a closer look at how clouds are formed try a [cloud in the jar](#) experiment. This requires the use of a match and hot water, so adult supervision is recommended.

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