The Itsy Bitsy Spider

Language Development: Oral Language/Vocabulary

Have children look at the illustrations on each page as you read the text:

Down came the rain
And washed the spider out;
Out came the sun
And dried up all the rain

Introduce the term *evaporation*. Relate it to the line “out came the sun and dried up all the rain.”

Do the following experiment with children to reinforce the concept. (Note: The experiment will work best on a sunny day.)

Fill a watering can and go outside with children. Pour the water on the sidewalk or a concrete area so that it makes a puddle. Have children imagine that the water coming out of the watering can is the rain falling from the clouds. Return to the puddle after an hour to see what happens. The children will discover that the puddle has disappeared. Explain that the sun’s rays “dried up” the puddle. The water evaporated.