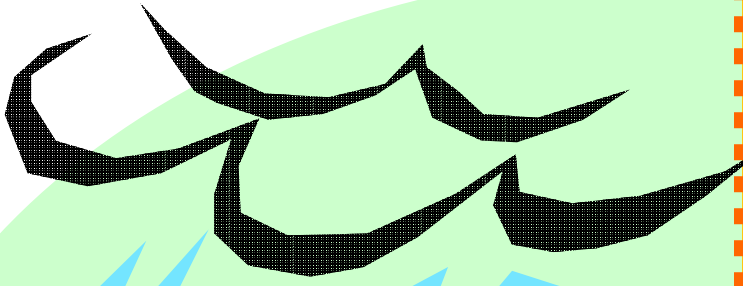


Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain

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Materials

Copy of the poem
This is the House that Jack Built;

copy of the song
Twelve Days of Christmas.

Activities

Read the story through once and ask the children to listen, closing their eyes to visualize the story. Read it again and ask the children to repeat it line by line as you read. Act out the story the third time through with the children, choosing gestures to help tell the story.

Try reading the story phrase by phrase and ask the children to repeat and clap the rhythm (**This** is the **great** Ka-**pit-i** **Plain**, all **fresh** and **green** from the **African Rains**.)

After reading the story through once, assign phrases to single or groups of children to read each time they are mentioned. (There is an introduction, eight repeating phrases beginning with *This is the cloud all heavy with rain, That shadowed the ground on Kapiti Plain*, and a conclusion). Gestures may also be added. Compare and contrast with *This is the House that Jack Built* and *Twelve Days of Christmas*, performing them if time permits.

Joel Says

Before the book is read, ask...

Where do you think the story takes place?

What problem do you think the Kapiti Plain might have?

Stop during the reading and ask...

How do you think Ki-pat can help bring the rain?

After reading the book, ask...

What happened when the rains were late in coming?

How did Ki-pat help bring the rain?

What happened after the rains came?