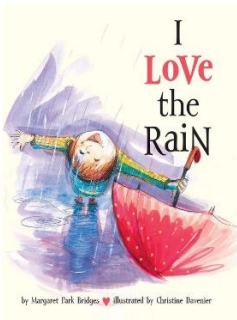


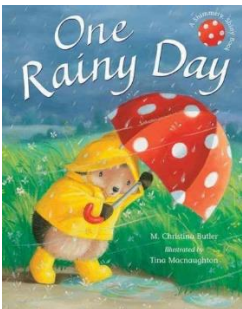
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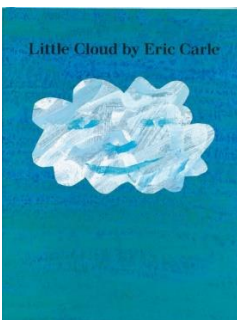
## Books and eBooks:



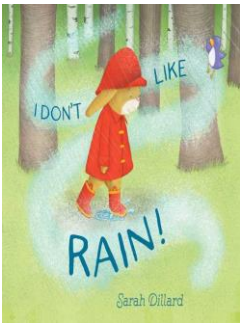
[I Love the Rain](#) by Margaret Bridges ([eBook](#)): Molly hates rainy days. The gray sky, the soggy wait for the school bus, they seem to make everyone grumpy. Everyone except her friend Sophie, who shows Molly the magic she has been missing.



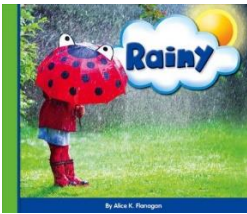
[One Rainy Day](#) by M. Christian Butler (E BUT): When Little Hedgehog goes for a walk one rainy day, his new umbrella proves its value in most unexpected ways.



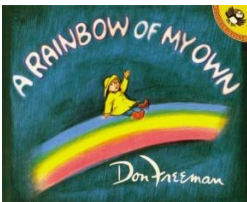
[Little Cloud](#) by Eric Carle (E CAR): A little cloud becomes all sorts of things--sheep, an airplane, trees, a hat--before joining other clouds and raining. Also available as [Audiobook](#).



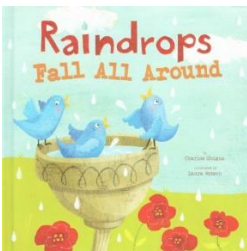
**[I Don't Like Rain](#)** by Sarah Dillard ([eBook](#)): One sunny day, Rabbit and his pals are playing outside and they couldn't be happier. But, oh, no! -- before they know it, it's raining and everyone has to run home. It doesn't take long for Rabbit to realize that fun can be had in the rain.



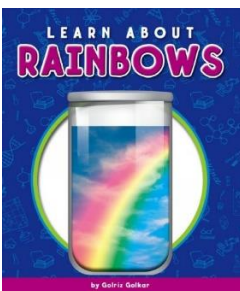
**[Rainy](#)** by Alice Flanagan (E 551.577 FLA): A very simple introduction to rain, how it forms, and where it falls. Additional items to aid comprehension include a phonetic glossary, sources for further research, an index, and an introduction to the author.



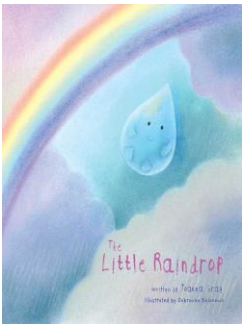
**[A Rainbow of My Own](#)** by Don Freeman (E FRE): A small boy imagines what it would be like to have his own rainbow to play with.



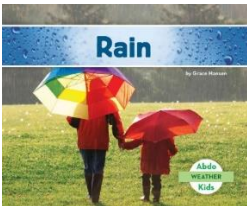
**[Raindrops Fall All Around](#)** by Charles Ghigna (E GHI): Introduces rain through fun, poetic text and colorful illustrations.



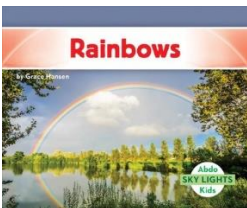
**[Learn About Rainbows](#)** by Golriz Golkar (E 551.567 GOL): Introduces readers to rainbows and how they form. Learn about the science behind light and how its interaction with the atmosphere can lead to different rainbow formations. Includes step-by-step instructions to create a rainbow in a jar.



**[The Little Raindrop](#)** by Joanna Gray ([eBook](#)): From cloud to puddle, and puddle to stream, the Little Raindrop is making its way on the remarkable journey that is Earth's water cycle.



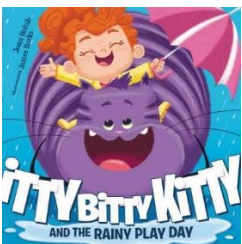
**[Rain](#)** by Grace Hansen (E 551.577 HAN): Explains how the processes of evaporation and condensation lead to rain, the effects of too much and too little rain, rainbows, and rain's role in the water cycle.



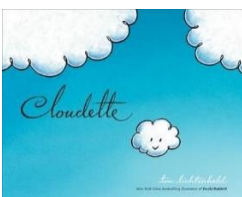
**[Rainbows](#)** by Grace Hansen (E 551.567 HAN): Teaches kids about what rainbows are and how water, sunlight, and a little bit of science creates them. Complete with labeled images when needed, simple text, and more facts.



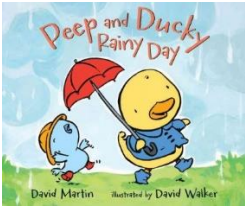
**[Come On, Rain!](#)** by Karen Hesse (E HES): A young girl eagerly awaits a coming rainstorm to bring relief from the oppressive summer heat. Also available as [eBook](#).



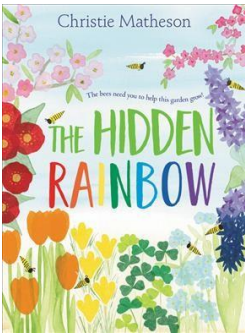
**[Itty Bitty Kitty and the Rainy Play Day](#)** by Joan Holub (E HOL): When the rain forces Ava and Itty Bitty to stay indoors, they find creative ways to have fun.



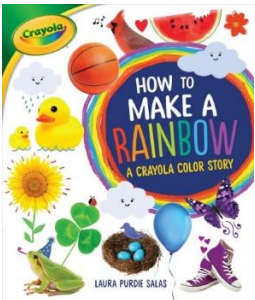
**[Cloulette](#)** by Tom Lichtenheld (E LIC): Cloulette, the littlest cloud, finds a way to do something big and important like the other clouds.



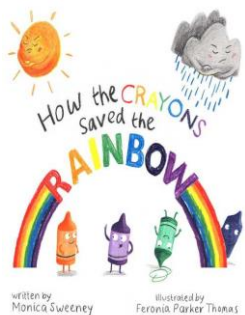
**[Peep and Ducky Rainy Day](#)** by David Martin (E MAR): When Peep visits Ducky on a rainy day, the little pals have no trouble finding things to do. Inside, there is a tent to build and a pillow fight to be had. And outside, with the help of galoshes and umbrella, it's fun to captain a boat!



**[The Hidden Rainbow](#)** by Christie Matheson (E MAT): Illustrations and simple, rhyming text invite the reader to uncover the rainbow of colors hidden in a garden, which helps flowers bloom and bees find food. Includes facts about bees and their importance.



**[How To Make a Rainbow](#)** by Laura Purdie Salas (E 535.6 SAL): Let's make a rainbow! The sky is our laboratory. We can use the colors all around us! Where can you find red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet?



**[How the Crayons Saved the Rainbow](#)** by Monica Sweeney **[eBook](#)**: Illustrations and simple, rhyming text invite the reader to uncover the rainbow of colors hidden in a garden, which helps flowers bloom and bees find food. Includes facts about bees and their importance.

## Rain & Rainbow Rhymes:

### The Rainbow

One day the sun was shining bright, *(hold hand up as if blocking sunlight)*  
Then clouds came along and it was dark as night. *(hold up left hand for clouds)*  
The rain began to sprinkle onto the ground, *(wiggle fingers for rain coming down)*  
And soon it was raining all over the town! *(wave all fingers back and forth)*  
But when the clouds had passed on by, *(move both hands to the side)*  
A big beautiful rainbow stretched across the sky! *(make a rainbow arc with your hands)*

### Raindrops

Raindrops, raindrops!  
Falling all around, *(wiggle fingers to imitate falling rain)*  
Pitter-patter on the rooftops, *(tap softly on table)*  
Pitter-patter on the ground. *(tap softly on floor)*  
Here is my umbrella,  
It will keep me dry. *(hands over head)*  
When I go walking in the rain,  
I hold it up so high! *(raise hands up in the air)*



**Five Little Raindrops - Print and cut out the raindrop images below and use to count down with the rhyme.**

Five little raindrops, *(hold up five fingers)*  
Dancing on the walk. *(dance hand up and down)*  
Pitter patter, pitter patter, that's the way they talk. *(pat hands on legs to make noise)*  
Out comes the yellow sun, shining in the sky, *(raise arms up like the sun)*  
And away goes one raindrop, *(hold up one finger)*  
Bye, bye, bye! *(wave goodbye)*

Repeat the rhyme counting down four, three, two, one.



## STEAM Activity - Rainbow Uppercase and Lowercase Matching:

Help your child cut out the pieces of the rainbows. Mix them up and have your child match the uppercase half of the rainbow to the lowercase half to practice their letter recognition skills!

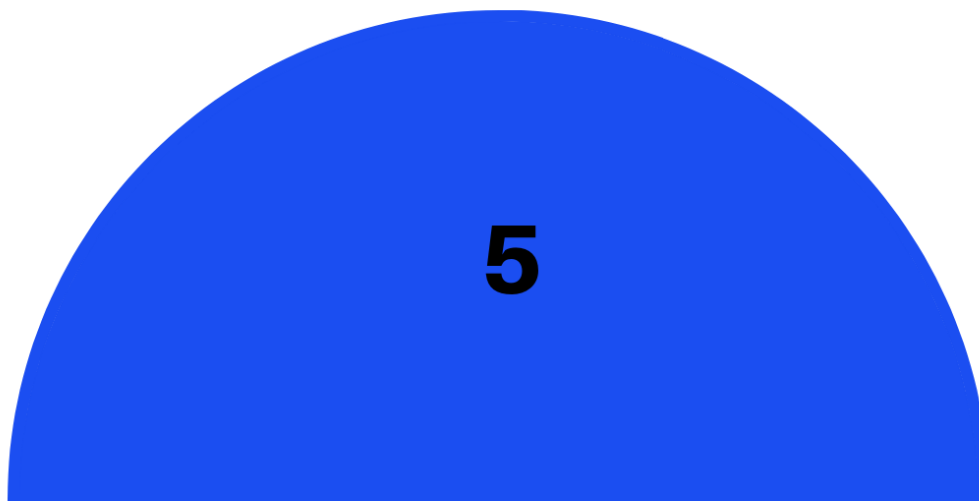
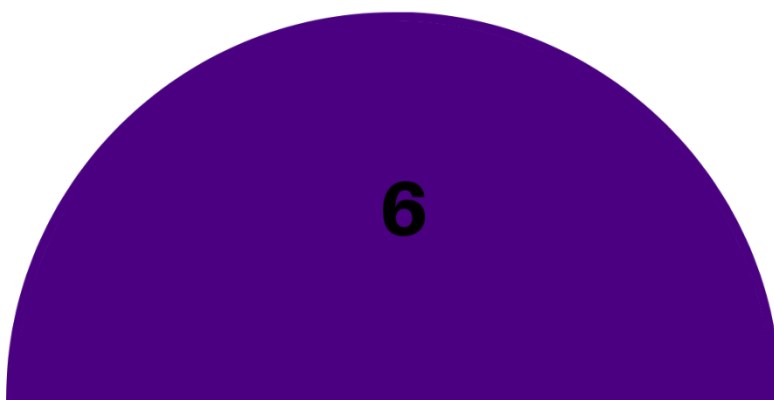
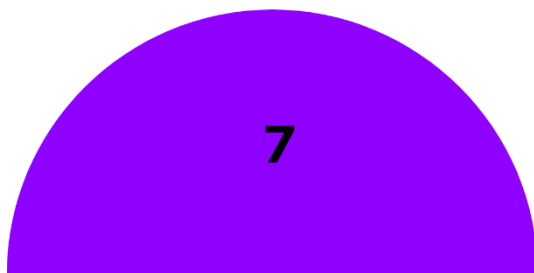


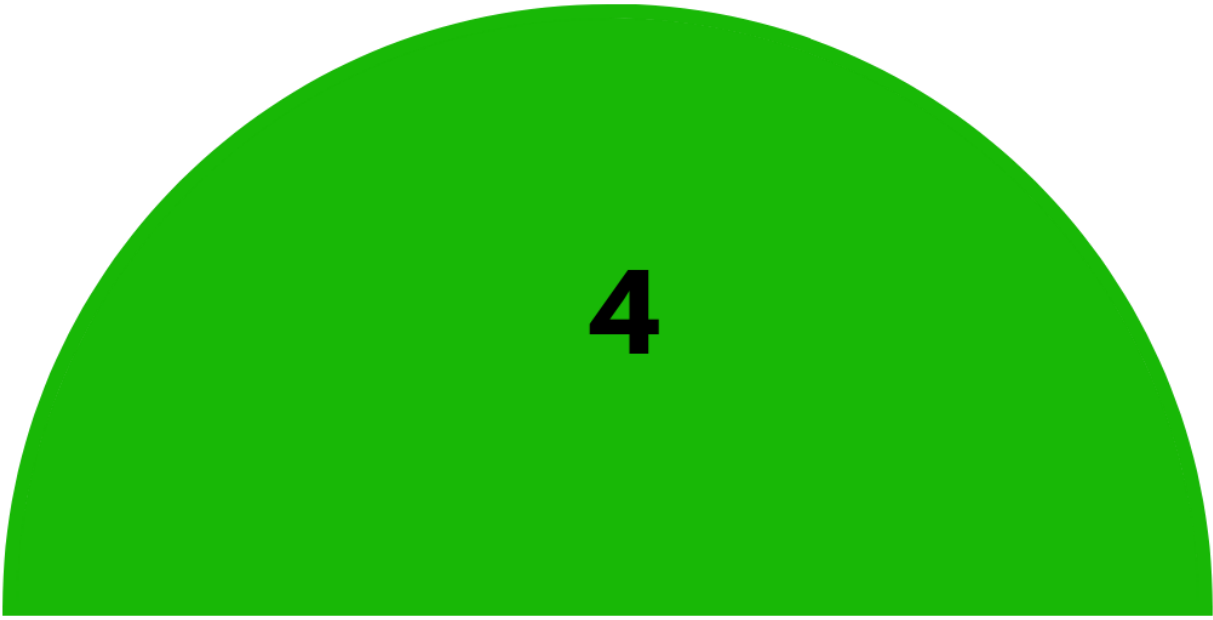


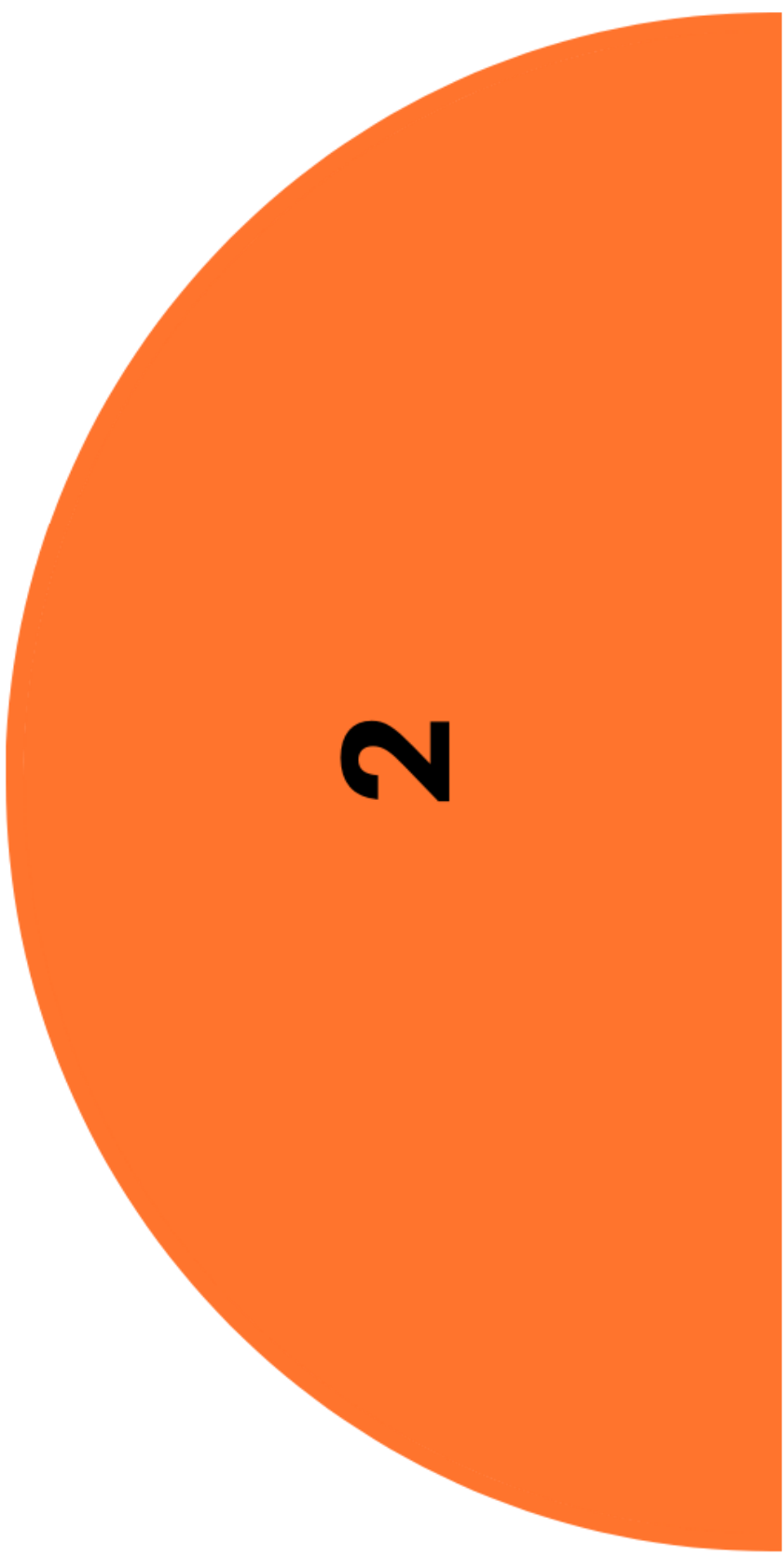


## Building a Rainbow:

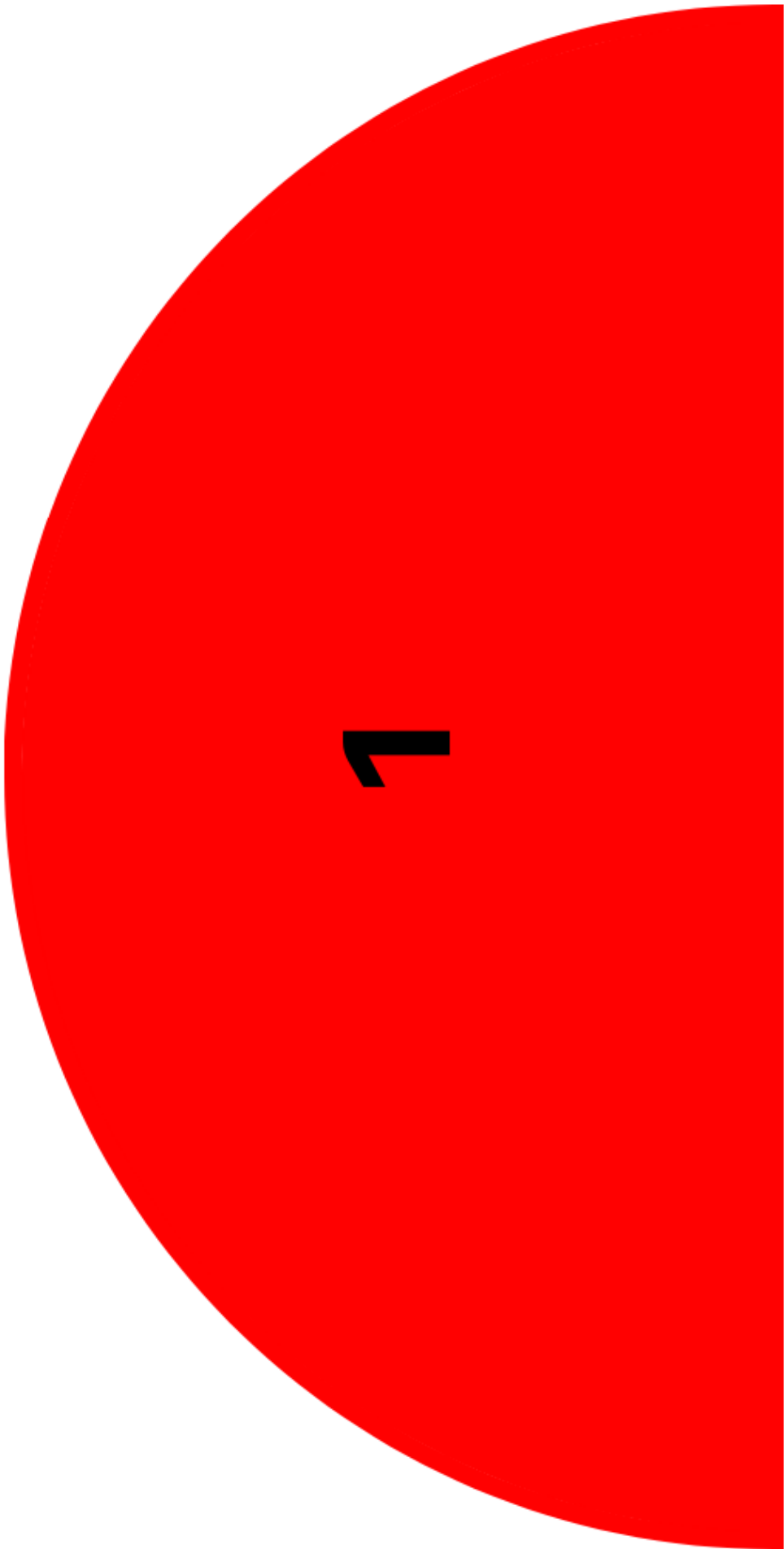
Help your child cut out the semicircles on the next few pages and place them in number order to build a rainbow. Practice counting, number recognition, colors and size ordering as you go!





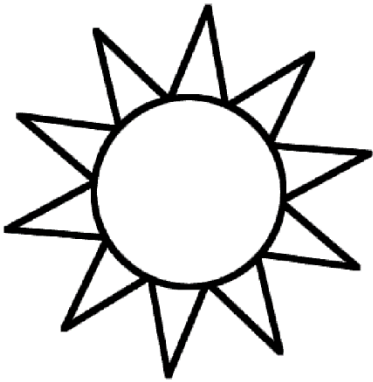


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## Rainbow Coloring Sheet:

Have your child color the rainbow, clouds, and sun and trace the word RAINBOW for some extra writing practice! (Source: BigActivities.com)



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