

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GODS WORD

The Rain That Listened to God!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: GOD CONTROLS THE WEATHER

BIG IDEA

The same God who made the rain and the clouds can tell them what to do. When we pray, even the weather obeys our great big God!

THE STORY

Far away in a faraway land, a missionary named Harry Scism and his team came to tell the people about Jesus. But there was one big problem. It was the rainy season, and the rain would NOT stop!

For days and days, the rain poured down. Splash, splash, splash! The roads turned to mud, so thick you could barely walk. The little shelter they used for church had a thatched roof made of grass, and it leaked all over.

On the night of a very important meeting, the rain came down harder than ever. WHOOSH! It seemed like nobody could possibly come, and there could be no service at all. What would they do?

Harry and his team bowed their heads and prayed a brave prayer.



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THE STORY CONTINUES

"Lord, please hold back the rain, just long enough for the people to come and hear about You."

And then... it happened. As the time for the meeting came near, the rain STOPPED! The clouds were still up in the sky, dark and heavy, but not one single drop fell down. Not one!

People came walking in from all the villages around. They sat down in the dry little shelter and listened. The service went on for hours and hours! Many people gave their hearts to Jesus that night.

Some were baptized in a nearby stream, and others were filled with the Holy Ghost. It was a wonderful, happy night that nobody would ever forget!

Then, the moment the meeting was over and the very last person walked away... the rain came pouring back down, just as strong as before! It rained all night long.

Later, the team found out something incredible. In all the villages nearby, the rain had never stopped at all! God had held back the rain in just that one special spot, for just that one special meeting.

The people who saw it were amazed. They had been afraid of many things their whole lives. But now they knew the truth: the God the missionaries preached was bigger than anything, even the rain and the clouds!





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DID YOU KNOW?

- Harry Scism was a real missionary who served God in India and other places for many years.
- The 'rainy season,' also called the monsoon, brings huge amounts of rain for months at a time in some parts of the world.
- The shelter for church had a roof made of dried grass and leaves called thatch, which is why it leaked!
- In the Bible, Jesus once spoke to a storm and said 'Peace, be still,' and the wind and waves obeyed Him right away.

MEMORY VERSE

“What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!” Matthew 8:27

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What was the big problem the missionaries faced on the night of the important meeting?
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- 2 What exact thing did Harry and his team ask God to do when they prayed?

- 3 How did the people know it was really God who stopped the rain, and not just luck?

- 4 God cares about the small details, even the weather. What is something you could ask God to help you with this week?

- 5 When the people saw the rain stop, they learned that God is bigger than anything. What does that teach you about how powerful God is?

LET'S PRAY

Dear God, You made the rain, the clouds, and the whole sky. Nothing is too hard for You! Thank You for caring about the big things and the little things in my life. Help me to trust You and to pray bravely, just like Harry and his team. In Jesus' name, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Make a happy rain stick or cloud! Glue cotton balls onto blue paper to make a fluffy cloud, and add some raindrops made of paper or beads below it. As you make it, talk about how God is in charge of the weather. Then take turns sharing one thing you want to trust God with, and pray about it together.

