In this story, five baby rabbits leave their nest for the first time to go play on the green lawn. When it begins to rain, they find shelter back in their nest, since their fur is not waterproof. Several insects and other animals come by to get out of the rain. After the shower, the rabbits play in the sun again. As you read or listen to the story with your child, pay attention to how the baby rabbits feel about having to wait under cover for the rain to stop.

**LET'S TALK ABOUT NEW WORDS**

Here are some words to talk about as you read or listen to *Rabbits and Raindrops*:

- **clover**, a plant with three small leaves and purple or white flowers
- **nibble**, to take tiny little bites
- **shower**, a short, gentle rain
- **soaked**, very wet
- **calm**, relaxed and peaceful; not upset
- **protective**, wanting to keep something or someone from getting hurt

**LET'S PLAY**

**Build a Fort**

In the story, the baby rabbits take shelter under a hedge during the rainstorm. Build a fort with your child, like the rabbits’ nest, using blankets draped over chairs or cushions. Pretend to be like the rabbits resting under the hedge and staying dry from the rain. Talk about how being inside the fort makes you feel. For example, “I feel safe and cozy all nestled up in our fort. Do you feel like the baby rabbits too?” Do a quiet activity, such as reading or coloring, inside the fort before coming back out for more active play.