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### The Water Cycle

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Next, water evaporates from the ground and from bodies of water like lakes and streams. When it evaporates, it turns into a gas called water vapor. In the next step of the cycle, the gas will change back to water and can make a cloud. When a lot of gas changes back, the cloud will get heavy. This will make rain fall and then the cycle can start over.

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**Activity**

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