



**Year Group:** Year 3-4

**Length:** 26 mins

**Starting Positions:** Sit in your own space on the floor

### Learning Intentions:

*To know about...*

- The stages of the Water Cycle: evaporation, condensation, precipitation and collection

### Synopsis:

- There's a drought in your village in Ethiopia. Fed up with your Mum, you go to find water.
- At the well you fight with Yosef for water. You both see a lake – or is it a mirage?
- In the lake you turn into a water droplet and evaporate.
- Once you reach the clouds you condense into a cloud. Yosef reveals he ran away from home.
- You see that the river stops halfway down the mountain. You make yourself precipitate.
- You flow down the mountain as a stream, then a river...til you hit a dam.
- The farmer who built the dam is Yosef's Dad. You and Yosef decide to break the dam.
- You accidentally jam the dam *shut* and evaporate back up.
- You draw an arrow showing the other rain droplets to rain *below* the dam.
- All the water falls below the dam, and the village has water again.

### Characters:

- **Mum**
- **Yosef** – some children collect water every day. It's actually more often girls than boys.
- **Farmer (m)** - some harvests in Africa (e.g. Uganda) have been failing for years.

### Locations:

- **Village** – East Africa experiences frequent, devastating droughts that in turn lead to famine
- **Well** – wells are used in areas without overground water
- **Lake/mirage?** – a mirage is a hallucination 'seen' by people suffering from dehydration
- **Cloud** – a cloud is a mass of condensed water droplets
- **Mountain River** – streams turn into rivers as they join one another downhill
- **Dam** – wars have been fought over damming water upstream.

## Glossary:

- **Evaporation** – when water heats up and turns from liquid to gas (water vapour)
- **Condensation** – when water cools down and turns from gas (water vapour) to liquid
- **Precipitation** – rain... or if it's cold enough, sleet, hail or snow
- **Collection** – when run-off water collects into bigger streams, and then rivers
- **Jerry can** – big plastic cans for collecting water
- **Erosion** – the wearing away of rocks (for example) by water

## Discussion:

### Story & Factual

- Why did you leave your hut?
- How did you evaporate?
- What happened that meant you stopped floating upwards?
- How did you erode the rock?
- How did you finally save the day?
- Why had the farmer built the dam?
- If crops aren't watered, what are the consequences?

### PSHE & Philosophical

- Why do you think Yosef was 'difficult' to begin with?
- What did evaporation feel like?
- In what ways can water be wasted?
- Do you waste water at home?
- What would you say to your family to get them to stop wasting water?
- Does everyone have access to running water?
- What can you not do without water?

## Resources:

You'll find these follow up resources on your shared drive:

- **Literacy Resources** – Reading Comprehension/Text Analysis, 3x SPAG exercises, Poem/Short writing exercise, Formal Prose, Creative Writing, Spelling Test
- **Photo Storyboard** – order the images from the story (or use them for other things – e.g. writing)
- **Quick Quiz** – re-cap key facts
- **Or try some recount, report or creative writing ideas of your own!**