Learning about disasters can help children who have experienced a disaster communicate their thoughts and feelings about the event. Learning can also help children be better prepared if a disaster occurs in the future.

This Resource Sheet provides suggests books and activities that can help young children understand and discuss disasters. Parents and childcare providers can read these books or participate in these activities with children.

Click on any image to find that book or activity online.

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AGE 3-6

**BLIZZARD** by John Rocco  
(ISBN# 1423178653)

This story is about the Blizzard of 1978, which brought fifty-three inches of snow to a town in Rhode Island. The book opens with a boy's excitement upon seeing the first snowflake, and ends with the neighborhood's immense relief upon seeing the snowplow break through their street.


**THE BIG STORM** by Norman Bridwell  
(ISBN# 0590257552)

Lovable, reliable Clifford comes to the rescue when a hurricane strikes.

https://www.amazon.com/Clifford-Big-Storm-8x8/dp/0590257552

**DRIP, DROP** by Sarah Weeks  
(ISBN# 0064435970)

This book has a watery theme with raindrops falling through a hole in the roof.

https://www.amazon.com/Drip-Drop-Can-Read-Level/dp/0064435970
**EARTHQUAKE! (NATURAL DISASTERS)** by Marion Dane Bauer  
(ISBN# 1416925511)

What causes an earthquake is a mystery, until you go deep beneath the Earth’s surface. Read to find out what causes this incredibly destructive natural disaster.

https://www.amazon.com/Library-Book-Earthquake-Rise-Shine/dp/1416925511

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**FLOOD! (NATURAL DISASTERS)** by Marion Dane Bauer  
(ISBN# 1416925538)

All living things need water to survive. But when there is too much rain, a flood can happen. Learn how floods form and how we try to avoid them.

https://www.amazon.com/Flood-Natural-Disasters-Marion-Bauer/dp/1416925538

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**HURRICANES!** by Gail Gibbons  
(ISBN# 0823422976)

This book explains hurricanes in a child’s frame of mind without being too scary or frightening. Very simple but true facts on what they are and how they work.


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**KENTA AND THE BIG WAVE** by Ruth Ohi  
(ISBN# 1554515769)

When a tsunami strikes Kenta’s small village in Japan, his family must quickly leave their home.

https://www.amazon.com/Kenta-Big-Wave-Ruth-Ohi/dp/1554515769

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**ONE DARK NIGHT** by Hazel Hutchins  
(ISBN# 0142500690)

Jonathan watches from his window as a summer storm rumbles in the distance. Young listeners will delight in the drama of a summer storm come to life—and breathe a sigh of relief at the story’s reassuring ending.


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**TORNADOES!** by Gail Gibbons  
(ISBN# 0823422747)

With an acclaimed combination of clear text and detailed illustrations, Gibbons explains how tornadoes form, the scale used for classifying them, and what to do.

https://www.amazon.com/Tornadoes-Gail-Gibbons/dp/0823422747
**VOLCANO! (NATURAL DISASTERS)** by Marion Dane Bauer  
(ISBN# 141692549X)

The Earth as we know it was partly created by volcanoes. Many are still active today. Learn how volcanoes form and what is going on when they erupt.


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**WEATHER-NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC** by Kristin Baird Rattini  
(ISBN# 1426313489)

Kids will discover what causes the weather they experience every day. This Level 1 reader is written in an easy-to-grasp style to encourage the meteorologists of tomorrow.

https://www.amazon.com/National-Geographic-Readers-Kristin-Rattini/dp/1426313489

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**WE SHAKE IN A QUAKE** by Hannah Gelman Givon  
(ISBN# 1582460221)

The bouncy verse and bright pictures not only explain what causes earthquakes, but also shows how to prepare for them and how to keep safe during one.


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**ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AGE 3-6**

**READY WRIGLEY**

Activity books and checklists for different types of emergencies and disasters.

http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/readywrigley/

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**DISASTER AND MEDIA INTERVENTION GUIDE**

A guide to teachers and school to staff to help children cope with disaster media coverage.


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**BUILDING RESILIENCE WITH HUNTER AND EVE**

Short videos and supplemental activity worksheets to help children learn how to build resilience, solve problems and cope with natural disasters.

http://dcc.missouri.edu/hunter-eve.shtml
**DISNEY DIGITAL BOOK READER**
Donald Duck helps introduce a disaster preparedness guide for children.


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**KID'S EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITY GUIDE**
A family activity guide to prepare for disasters.

https://www.smgov.net/uploadedFiles/Departments/OEM/Preparedness/KidsActivityGuide.pdf

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**EMERGENCY PREPARATION WITH SESAME STREET**
A video and supplemental toolkit to help children remember important information, and create a family emergency kit and plan.

http://www.sesamestreet.org/toolkits/ready

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**SPARKY**
An interactive web activity helps children to learn about fire safety through activities and videos.

http://sparky.org/

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**WEATHER WIZKIDS**
Games that teach children about storms.

http://www.weatherwizkids.com/weather-games.htm

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