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Grade 1: Lesson 10

The Power of Nature by Margie Burton, Cathy French, and Tammy Jones

Can We Stop the Power of Nature?

There are some things that happen that we cannot stop. We cannot stop the power of nature.

Some storms are very powerful.

What is a Flood?

A flood comes when there is too much water on the land.

Sometimes, it can come after a big storm when too much rain falls on the land.

Sometimes, it can come after a big storm out at sea, when too much seawater comes onto the land.

The fast floodwater can hurt us and can hurt our homes.

We cannot stop a flood from coming, but we can try to stop the water from coming into our homes.

We can try to stop the water by making a wall.

We use sandbags to make the wall. Sometimes, the sandbags help stop the water.

Sometimes they do not.

What is an Earthquake?

An earthquake is when the land moves. The land goes up and down and all around. The land can crack.

An earthquake can hurt us. We can get hurt by things that fall down in an earthquake.

Falling things can start fires.

We cannot stop an earthquake from coming.

We can try to make our home so that they will not fall down in an earthquake.

What is a Hurricane?

A hurricane is a big storm with fast wind and rain.

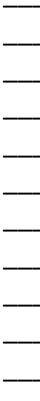
It begins out at sea and can come onto the land.

Its fast winds can hurt us and our homes.

This is what a hurricane looks like from out in space.

We cannot stop a tornado or a hurricane from coming. But we can get out of the way.

We cannot stop the power of nature, but we can go to places where we feel safe.

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Independent practice

Pick one of the natural forces we discussed today. You will to do some writing about this natural force. Circle the one you chose. Go back through your word list and circle any word that has something to do with the natural force you chose.

Pretend you want to join a team of scientists that study the forces of nature you circled. Write them a letter telling them which natural force you want to study. Also tell them what you already know and why you want to study it more.

You might want to include what it is, what it does, and how people can stay safe.

Use your list of words you circled to show them how smart you are! You don't have to use them all, but use as many as you can.

Dear _____,

Yours truly,
