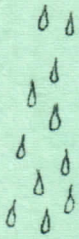


FIRST RAINS

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

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Before it rains it has been hot and dry for about five long months. The hills are brown. Living things have withered away. Everyone is tired from the heat. It is easy to understand that the first rains are very welcome. The men and women, boys and girls, who know and love God shout their praise to God for sending the rain. Their faces show how glad they are. They call to one another -

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These first rains soften the hard earth. Farmers begin to plow the ground and plant the seed. They know that more rain is coming. It is important that the seed is placed in the ground before the hard rains come.

These rains also clean the air of dust. It is no wonder people watch and pray for these rains.

These early rains are called the former rains. You can find that name used in Deuteronomy 11:14.

FIND OUT

There is a certain kind of storm which men fear which sometimes come in October and November. Read about this in the Research Card - SIROCCO