

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Gatlin will understand the basics of winter and snow, including how snow is formed, what it looks like, and some fun activities we can do in the snow!

Materials and Prep

- Warm clothing (for pretend play)
- Blanket (to create a "snow" area)
- White paper (for snow art)
- Crayons or markers (for drawing)
- Imagination!

Before the lesson, think about what Gatlin loves about winter and snow. Prepare a cozy spot for the activities and gather the materials listed above.

Activities

- **Winter Dress-Up:**

Gatlin can dress up in warm clothing like a hat, scarf, and gloves. Together, you can pretend to go outside in the snow, talking about how it feels cold and what we need to stay warm.

- **Snowy Blanket Play:**

Use a white blanket to create a "snow" area. Gatlin can roll around in it, make snow angels, and pretend to throw snowballs. This will help him imagine playing in real snow!

- **Snow Art:**

On white paper, Gatlin can draw pictures of snowflakes, snowmen, or winter scenes using crayons or markers. Encourage him to use lots of colors to make his winter art bright and fun!

Talking Points

- "What do you like most about winter, Gatlin?"
- "Look at how snowflakes fall from the sky. They are like tiny little stars!"
- "When it's cold outside, we need to wear warm clothes. Can you show me how to put on a scarf?"
- "Let's pretend we are making a snowman! What do we need? A big snowball for the body!"