This sample social story contains illustrations. Many writers do not include illustrations with their social stories because children with autism can be very contextually bound and interpret both words and illustrations literally. It is up to the discretion of the writer to understand the needs of individual children and to exclude or include illustrations accordingly.
Sometimes the weather is bad. There might be rain, thunder, or lightning. Sometimes the wind is blowing hard.
Sometimes I can see clouds and lightning and hear thunder even when it is far away. The clouds are dark. The thunder is loud and the lightning lights up the sky. I know a storm might be coming.
I feel afraid when a storm is coming. I don’t like the loud thunder. I don’t like the bright lightning.
I know there are ways to be safe.
I can ask my mom or dad or teachers about the weather. They know what to do. I can listen to the weather report. I can stay inside. It is safe in the house or in school.
I know my mom and dad and teachers will know what to do if the weather is bad. I can be safe. Other kids know it is OK to check with their moms and dads and teachers. They can be safe.
I will be OK if I stay inside and do what mom, dad, and my teachers say. They know the safety rules. I can be safe in bad weather.