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Storytime Starters

Bath Time

Books For Toddlers:

Andrew’s Bath by David McPhail, 1996.
Dinosaur by Pete Sis, 2000.
Max’s Bath by Rosemary Wells, 1999.
Piglet’s Bath by Kate Spohn, 1998.

Books For Preschoolers:

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion, 1976.
The Lady with the Alligator Purse by Nadine Bernard Westcott, 1990.
There’s a Hippo in My Bath by Kyoko Matsuoka, 1989.
To the Tub by Peggy Perry Anderson, 2001.
What Next Baby Bear! by Jill Murphy, 1992.
Fingerplays & Songs:

**Bubbly Bubbly Bubble Bath**
by Rob Reid

Bubbly bubbly bubble bath,
*(Wiggle ten fingers)*
Filled to the top,
*(Raise fingers overhead)*
Listen to the bubbly bubbles
*(Cup hand to ear)*
Pop! Pop! Pop!
*(Clap three times)*

**After A Bath**
*(From: The Complete Book of Rhymes, Songs, Poems, Fingerplays, and Chants* by Jackie Silberg and Pamela Byrne Schiller)

After a bath I try, try, try
To wipe myself dry, dry, dry
*(rub upper arms with hands)*
Hands to wipe and fingers and toes
*(hold hands out, palms up, then point to toes)*
Two wet legs and a shiny nose
*(hands on thighs then point to nose)*
Just think how much less time I’d take

**Bubbles Everywhere**
*(From: Everything Preschool)*

Bubbles, bubbles everywhere
Gently flowing through the air
Bouncing around without a care
Bubbles, bubbles everywhere

**Tiny Tim**
*(From: Preschool Rainbow)*

I had a little turtle *(make turtle with fist – thumb is the head)*
His name was Tiny Tim
I put him in the bathtub
*(toss fist with other hand)*
To see if he could swim.
*(make turtle swim up and down)*
He drank up all the water *(glub, glub)*
He ate up all the soap *(munch, munch)*
And when he woke up next morning
He had bubbles in his throat
*(make bubbly noises)*
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The Toothbrush Song
*Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat*
(From: Can Teach)

Brush, brush, brush your teeth
Brush them everyday.
We put toothpaste on our brush
To help stop tooth decay.
Floss, floss, floss your teeth.
Floss them every day!
Using the string to clean between
Keeps the plaque away!
Clean, clean, clean your teeth.
Clean them every day!
Your teeth will sparkle for years to come
In the most beautiful way!
Brush, brush, brush your teeth.
Brush them every day!
Happy, healthy teeth you’ll have
If it’s done this way.

Take a Bath
(From: Songs for Teaching)
When I’ve had a busy day,
all I’ve done is play, play, play,
Run around out in the mud,
get dirty and covered with crud.
Momma said go get in the tub,
time for the rub a dub dub.

Literacy Tip:
Make bath time literacy time! Plastic bath books are great to read during baths. Foam letters and bath crayons can be used to learn the alphabet. You can also work on your child’s vocabulary by pointing out body parts as you are washing them up.