

Toy Bubble Bath

Activity Steps

1. Set up an area safe for your child to make a bit of mess with water.
2. Make a bin or wash tub with water and soap (liquid soap would be best) or do the activity in the bathtub during bathtime.
3. Bring toys (ones that are safe to be submerged in water) and tell your child to bathe them.
4. You can give your child scrub brushes, sponges or rags to use while cleaning the toys. This is a fun sensory activity that also gets their toys nice and clean! They are working their fine motor skills as they scrub and it gives them a chance for imaginative play while doing a sensory activity.

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Omaawanjitoon Nibi Collecting Rainwater

Activity Steps

1. **Before it rains**, grab some your buckets, some cups or bowls and place them throughout the yard. You could do this when you are offering tobacco before it storms.
2. **Tell them** to put the buckets or bowls in different places or underneath things in your yard.
3. **After it is done raining**, go outside with your child and see which cups or bowls collected the most water. Talk to your kid about this and ask them which cup has the most water and where it came from.

Once you have collected all the cups, you can tell the child to pour it all into a big cup, jar, pot, or barrel. You can drink it, cook with it, or save it in a big barrel and water your garden with it.

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Sand Excavation

Activity Steps

1. At the beach, **find stones, shells** or bring small toys for your child to search for.
2. **Create boundaries** by laying out sticks/driftwood or using the items you've brought with (towels, paddles, ect).
3. **Hide the objects** that are to be found in the sand within the boundaries.
4. **Have the child look** for the objects using just their hands or using a tool such as a large spoon with drainage slots or a colander.
5. **While doing this activity**, dialogue about the environment and conditions. The child may notice that the sand is cooler and damp underneath. What do the objects that look like that are being found? Are the stones smooth? Red?

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Water transfer

Activity Steps

1. **First prepare the area** for doing an activity using water.
2. **Provide** your child with two (smallish)vessels, one full of water and another empty one.
3. **Provide a tool** to move the water from one container to another. This tool could be a ladle, a measuring cup, a cup. You can model this for them and have them explore moving the water to the new location.

Variations:

- The child can use a *sponge* or a *washcloth* to soak up water from one container and bring it to another container.
- Add ice
- As the children get older, more cups and different tools can be added (such as turkey basters, different sized cups and funnels).

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Gimiwanaabo = Rain water
Mashkikiwaabo = Medicine water
Nibi zaagijjiwanokaan; nibi wenji-zaagijjiwang = Gutters

Omaawanjitoon gimiwanaabo. = S/he collects rainwater.

Maawanjitoon. = Collect it, save it!

Zhaabobiiginan. = Strain it (liquid)!

Bapangigaa. = It drips water, it keeps dripping.

Aaniin minik gimiwanaabo

gaa-maawanjitooyan? = How much water did you collect?

Nawaj o'owe onaagaans mangibii. = There is more water in this here cup.

Omaa biidoon gimiwanaabo. = Bring the rain water here!

Zhemaag biidoon gimiwanaabo! = Bring the rain water right now!

Omaa na gidaa-ziiginaan nibi? = Could you pour the water here?

Ojibwe words from: Don Jones & Nancy Jones (Nigigoonsiminikaaning)
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Giziibiiga'igan aabajitoon. =

Use soap!

Ningiziibiigazhenaa odaminwaaganens. = I give my doll a bath.

Weweni ganawenim gidoodaminwaaganens. = Take care of your doll!

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Gidaa-gaasiwaa, aabajitoon gizingwe'onens. = You should wash him/her, use a washcloth.

Bagiwayaanish aabajitoon. = Use a rag!

Giziibiigisagin. = Scrub/wash him/her!

Giziyaabaawazh. = Rinse him/her off!

Gidaa-asaa omaa ji-baasod. = Put him/her here to dry!

Gidaa-gizii'waa. Gizingwe'on aabajitoon. = Dry him/her off! Use a towel!

Giziibiigazhe-makak = A bathtub

Ojibwe words from: Geraldine Howard & Leona Wakonabo (Leech Lake)

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Gwaaba'igan = A ladle

Moozhagibiiginan = Sponge, towel, anything used to soak, gather something up

Ziiginan. = Pour it!

Weweni ziiginan onaagaansing. = Carefully pour it into the cup!

Aazhawi-ziiganan onaaganensing. = Pour from one cup to another!

Aazhawi-ziikoobiiginan. = Bringing water to one place to another and squeezing water out!

Bakobiinan. = Dip it, put it in the water!

Ziikoobiiginan. = Wring it out by squeezing it out!

Ziinibiiginan. = Wring it out with a twisting motion!

Akawe naanaagadawendan waa-izhichigeyan. = Think about what you will do!

Waabandan ezhichigeyan. = Watch/look at what you are doing!

Gego wewiibiziken. = Don't hurry/rush!

Da-waaban. Baamaa da-waaban gosha miinawaa = The sun will rise. (There's always tomorrow, no need to rush, the sun will rise again.)

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Asabi-emikwaanens = Slotted spoon

Zhaabowebinigan = A sifter

Mitaawang = Sand

Asiniins(ag) = Small stone(s)

Es(ag) = Shell(s)

Wiikobijiganaabikoons = Metal tweezers

Mookadaawangin = Unearth him/her from the sand.

Mookadaawanginan = Unearth it from the sand.

Mookadaawanga'wi = Scoop him/her from the sand.

Mookadaawanga'an = Scoop something from the sand.

Ningwadaawangin = Hide him/her under the sand.

Ningwadaawanginan = Hide it under the sand.

Dipaabaaweyaawangaa = The sand is cool/damp.

Bengwadaawangaa = The sand is dry, it is a dry beach.

Nookadaawangaa = The sand is soft.

Gaashadaawangaa = The sand is rough.

Nimagwadaawangishin! = I'm all sandy!

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