

ACTIVITY TIME

Bathtime

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Splish, splash, splosh! It's time for a bath! Bathtime is a beautiful black and white board book that is perfect to share with newborn babies, it is filled with high contrast images helping your baby to see and easily focus on the pictures while their eyesight is still developing. On each page you will find glimpses of coloured shiny foil that make the bold illustrations POP! This book will delight babies and will be a welcomed addition to your nightly bath and bed routine.

Singing in the bath

You will need:

- You and your baby.

Spend time singing and chanting while your baby is having their bath. Sing favourite songs and rhymes or be creative and make up your own! Remember you are your baby's favourite toy – they will love to watch you sing and it will not be long before they are babbling and cooing along with you.

Some songs we love to sing during bath time are:

- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive
- Row, Row, Row Your Boat
- 5 Little Ducks and
- Warna Munda (see song words on the next page).

More ideas

Keep this story handy for tummy time or play time. The black and white illustrations are perfect images for your baby to look at and to explore. Chat with your baby as much as possible. Talking about the world around them, what you are doing together and sharing stories are all activities where your baby will hear lots of new and exciting words. Babies need to hear plenty of language before they are ready to speak themselves.

Songs to sing

Open, Shut Them and *Incy Wincy Spider*.

Key message

Children learn language by listening to it and using it.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.



Warna Munda

Warna-Munda baby,
listen to the sea.
Hear the waves go splish! ... splash!
Gently swaying free.

Warna-Munda baby,
feel the earth below.
Feel the sand in your hands,
And in between your toes.

Warna-Munda baby,
see the wind blow.
See the leaves in the tree,
Rustling to and fro.

Warna-Munda baby,
now it's time to sleep.
Shh ... dreaming ... dreamtime,
Sleep, baby, sleep.

SING TO THE TUNE OF INCY WINCY SPIDER

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'Warna-Munda' means 'Sea-Earth'.

