

Ten Bubbles: An Epic Early Literacy Adventure!

Talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing together are the five best things you can do to get your child ready to read. The challenges here will have you and your child doing all five and having lots of fun.

For kids: Color in each bubble after you complete the challenge inside it!



Make and play with a simple homemade bath toy together (ideas on back!).

Turn the BIG bubble on the back of this sheet into a pig! Draw ears, eyes, and a pig snout on it.

For a full day, point out the letter "P" to each other wherever you see it (STOP signs, labels, etc.).

Sing a favorite song together very slowly, stretching out the sounds in the words, then sing it a second time as fast you can!

Ask your child to describe your family's bedtime routine from start to finish. If she starts "First I get in the tub," you might ask "Do you keep your clothes on?" "Does the tub already have water in it?"

Read a picture book together. Afterwards, turn back to the first page. Ask your child to tell you the story again in his own words as he turns pages and "reads" the pictures.

Count the bubbles on this page together, then chant a counting rhyme like "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed" (words on back).

While grocery shopping or waiting in line, play a few rounds of "I spy something that starts with ____" or "I spy something that rhymes with ____."

Tell a librarian or teacher about a picture book you loved, and ask for help finding more like it.

Spread a thick layer of shaving cream on a baking sheet. Together, draw letters and shapes in the shaving cream with your fingers.



Two simple homemade bath toys:

- Punch holes into the sides and bottom of a plastic water or pop bottle, then “make it rain” in the tub. Try singing “The Itsy Bitsy Spider” while playing with the toy.
- Fill an ice cube tray $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way with water, then let your child squeeze a few drops of food coloring into each spot. Freeze, then drop the cubes into the tub during bathtime. Say, “I wonder if the ice will sink or float? I wonder if it will melt in the warm bathwater? What do you think?”

Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys jumping on the bed.
One fell off and bumped his head.
Mama called the doctor, and the doctor said,
“No more monkeys jumping on the bed!”

Four little monkeys jumping on the bed.
One fell off and bumped his head.
Mama called the doctor and the doctor said,
“No more monkeys jumping on the bed!”

(Continue counting down until no monkeys are left)



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