

CLIFFORD'S BATHTIME

Rub a dub dub! Clifford's in the tub! This little board book invites your "little bath buddy" into the happy world of Clifford and his bath time experience.

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Bath time doesn't need to be a struggle if you make it a fun and comfortable experience. Clifford the puppy can help you to do this. Talk about how Clifford was a little nervous about taking a bath, too, but once he got into the water, he had a fun time.

Help your child to choose some fun waterproof toys that can be used "just" for their bath time. Keep those toys in a small bowl, bucket or mesh bag (the kind onions come in at the store) and store them in a place that your child can help by getting them out when you're preparing for their bath. If you include a couple of small plastic cups or glasses, they can pour water from one cup to the other while they're in the tub and this will help them to develop coordination.

You can also let them select which towel they'd like to use to dry off with. By letting them be in on the preparation of their bath, and letting them make some decisions, you're helping them to learn what cooperation is all about and it's never too soon to start that.

You could also sing a couple of verses of "Splish, Splash, I was takin' a bath" to add a little fun!