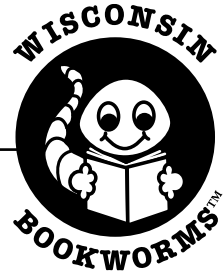


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Activity Sheet



Harry the Dirty Dog

By Gene Zion, illustrated by Margaret Bloy Graham

Here is the charming but cautionary tale of Harry, a white dog with black spots, who loves everything except baths.

Before you read this book: Ask the children to share tricks they might use to get out of taking a bath.

While you read this book: Talk about places, people and things in the story that are familiar to the children.

Reading tip: Your child will probably want to hear a favorite story over and over. Go ahead and read the same book for the hundredth time. Research suggests that repeated readings help children develop language skills.

After you read this book: Find objects that relate to different events in the book. For example, a dump truck for the construction zone, a piece of fruit for the fruit stand, a train for the train station or a sponge for bath time. Then ask the children to put the objects in order according to when they were seen in the book.

Or try this: Have the children make Harry the Dirty Dog.

What you'll need: white construction paper, markers and colorful chalk

Ask the children to draw a picture of Harry with markers. Instruct them not to color Harry. Then hand out chalk and tell the children that it's time to get Harry dirty and allow them to color him in with the many different colors of chalk.

Try this at home! Have your child think of their favorite toys to use in the bathtub. Then let them bring them in the tub and be imaginative with the toys.

Extending the fun: "Little Bunny's Bath Time" by Jane Johnson, illustrated by Gaby Hansen; "Bath Time" by Eileen Spinelli, illustrated by Janet Pedersen

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