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Activity Sheet



Big Smelly Bear

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He's big, he's smelly, he never washes and he never means to! One day he has an itch he cannot scratch and a big fluffy bear offers to help him out but first she wants him to take a bath.

Before you read this book: Bring personal hygiene items to share with the children (soap, shampoo, comb, toothbrush, etc.). Ask them to identify what one does with each object.

Reading tip: Go back to the beginning of the book, and have your child turn the pages and share comments or questions she/he may still have.

After you read this book: Encourage children to use their sense of smell to determine what scents they find pleasant and those they find not so pleasant.

What you'll need: Play-Doh or cotton balls, extracts of your choice, small jars (optional).

Using either the Play-Doh or cotton balls, mix or douse the item with the extract of your choice (vanilla, lemon, chocolate, floral, almond, etc.).

Place the items into small jars or simply out on a table so the children can smell each sample, describe and try to identify the scent. Then ask the children why they think certain smells are good and others are bad.

Or try using actual food items. What you'll need: paper bags or black film canisters, assorted food items (onions, vinegar, cinnamon sticks, coffee grounds, peanut butter, banana chunk, lemon, peppermint extract, etc.).

Try this at home! Sing this song with your children to get them excited about taking a bath!

Sung to: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

*Wash, wash, wash your **face***

Take a bath today.

Rub and scrub, and scrub and rub.

*Germs go down the drain. **HEY!***

Repeat the song changing the bold, underlined word to a new body part.

Extend the reading with more books about friendship: "Toot and Puddle: The New Friend" by Holly Hobbie; "My Best Friend: A Book About Friendship" by Heather L. Feldman

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