



Little Car Wash

Wash a toy car using both hands. Searching for dirty spots and cleaning them gives your child practice coordinating their hands and noticing the results of their actions.

Helps Your Child Grow



Reasoning and Problem-Solving

Looking for dust and dirt on a toy car gives your child practice noticing a problem and checking where cleaning is needed.



Fine Motor

Holding the car steady with one hand while washing with the other gives your child practice coordinating both hands with what they see.



What You'll Need



Large Basin



Body Wash



Small Brush



Toy Cars

What You'll Need

1. Large basin
2. child body wash
3. small brush
4. toy cars



Open the Car Wash

Show your foam-covered hands to invite your baby into the car wash. Demonstrate how to use the brush and wash the toy cars.

Observations

- Coordinates both hands to rub bubbles or move foam from one hand to the other
- Reaches out and rubs the bubbles

Tips

- Explain the agreed rules before play, such as asking a grown-up for help if their eyes or skin feel uncomfortable and rinsing off the suds before touching their face.
- Describe the foam while your baby rubs and explores it: “The bubbles feel slippery and soft.”
- Place a towel under the basin to keep it steady and absorb splashes.



Wash the Car

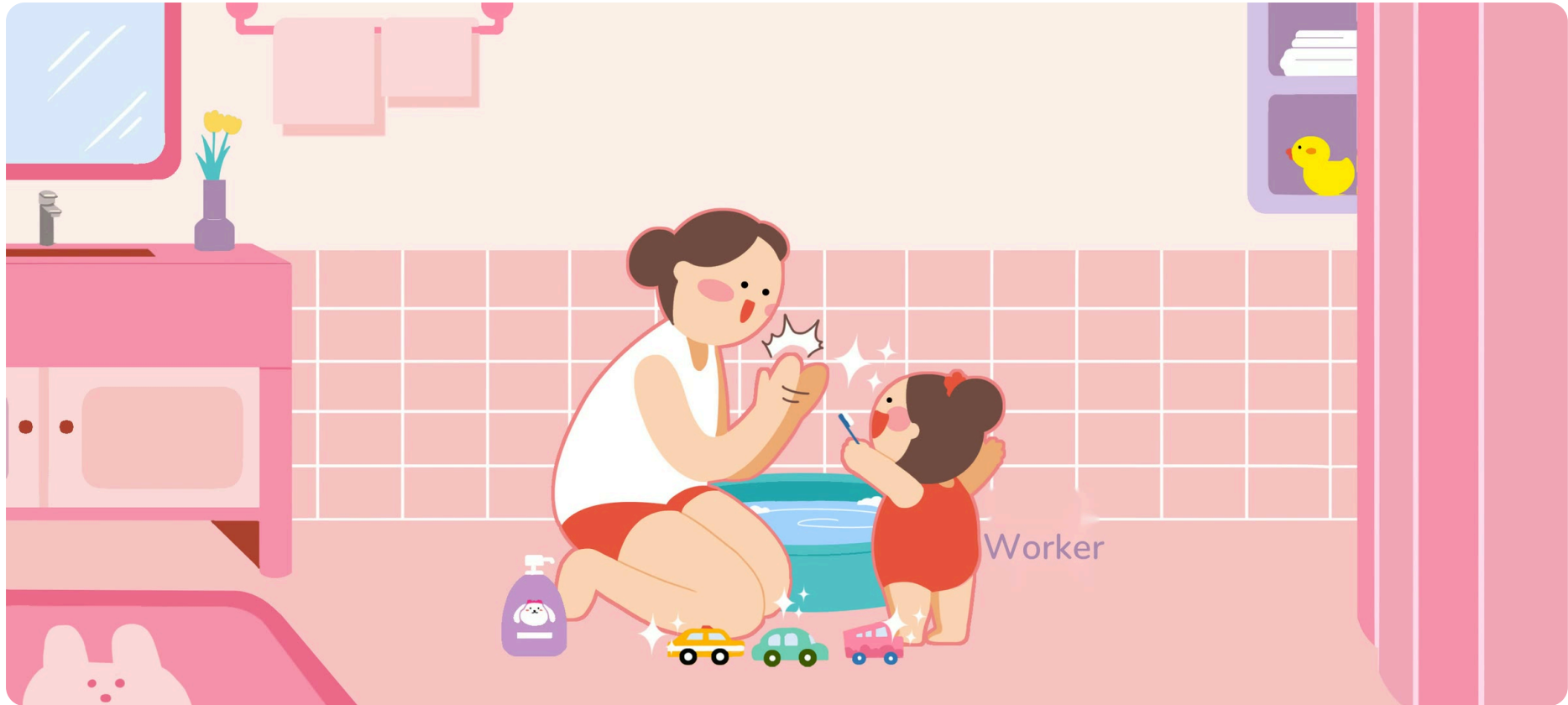
Drive a toy car into the basin. Let your baby hold the brush in one hand and steady the car with the other while washing it.

Observations

- Looks over different parts of the toy car to find dirt
- Coordinates both hands while holding and brushing a toy car

Tips

- Use number words in the car-wash talk: “Here comes the first car,” or “We’ve washed five cars.”
- Notice your baby’s careful work: “Wow, you found the dirt in that tiny space!”



The Car Is Clean!

Line up the clean cars and celebrate the finished work. Then help your baby return each car to its usual storage place.

Observations

- Arranges the cars after brushing them clean
- Claps for themselves proudly

Tips

- Lay an absorbent towel on the floor and place the clean cars on it so splashed water does not leave a slippery surface.
- Celebrate your baby's work: "You helped the cars get clean. Thank you for being so careful!"