

# BusyBugs Play and Talk Program

## Busy Body Activity 6. Buddy Bath Time



Toddlers learn through copying real life activities in their play. Help your child follow the bathtime sequence with a doll. Things may get a bit wet - maybe try this outside!

Adult's job:

Toddler's job:



Do as your BB is doing during playtime. Only guide the play if your BB becomes stuck on one action.



Pretend play encourages imagination, and teaches your BB about how the world works.

What you need:

- Toy bath (washing tubs work well)
- Bath proof doll/teddy
- Bath accessories - towel, wash cloth, bubble bath, bath toy, brush/comb, toothbrush



What you do:

1. Before bathtime, let your BB look at the doll/teddy and the 'accessories'.
2. Say the names of the items: "bubble bath", "towel". Praise your toddler if she tries to copy any of your words.
3. Say "dolly's dirty. Give dolly a bath." Help your BB undress the doll and let her put the doll in the bath.
4. Talk simply about what your BB is doing - "wash dolly's face". Only guide the play (by introducing a new item/action eg. " Look. A boat") if your child gets stuck.



"wash teddy's face"



"brush teeth"

Adult says:

wash face      dirty  
take dolly out      dolly's wet  
Where's the comb?

in bath  
dry dolly  
finished

get comb  
rub hands  
all clean!

in there  
put him in

**Keep it simple! Use 1-3 words at a time.**