



Scrub-a-Dub

Collect toys or items that need to be washed, pretend items are dirty, or draw “dirt” on plastic toys with dry-erase markers. Provide children with sponges, cleaning rags, and/or brushes and let them scrub the items clean! Offer a tub with soap and water to allow children to explore how soap helps wash away the dirt. Discuss how cleaning and taking care of toys means that everyone can continue to enjoy them!

More Support: While children are exploring the water and tools, model and narrate how it is cleaning the toys.

Promote Autonomy

“You are working hard to scrub away that dirt.”

“The rag didn’t work, so now you’re trying the brush. Good thinking!”