

10 Little Fishies

A Hand Washing Poem/Song for Little Children

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I have 10 little fishies,
That love the washing rule.
They have so many swims each day,
In water clean and cool.

Each little fishy finger,
Gets a soapy bubbly rub.
From its head down to its tail,
Then I rinse them in the tub.

My fishies need to have
Many swims and rubs each day -
Before I eat my food,
And after every play.

Each little fishy finger,
When I have used the loo,
Enjoys two soapy rubs,
Such important work to do!

Each time the fun is over,
I shake the water free,
Then dry the fishy fingers,
That all belong to me!

Water Friends

A bath time story poem that connects to the '10 Little Fishies' Poem – it uses imaginative humour to encourage a child to be washed all over at bath time. You can change 'father' to 'mother' and 'mermaid' to 'merman' if this suits better.

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I have a secret room where my water friends play,
But they only like to visit at the end of every day.
When I'm dirty all over and need a good long bath,
My water friends join in – oh, how they make me laugh!

First my father (mother) turns the tap and water fills the tub,
Then my water friends arrive to play rub-a-dub-dub.
We do rub-a-dub-dubbles, and make lots of bubbles,
Then rub-a-dub dame and play the washing game.

We wash my fishy fingers, and wash my fishy toes,
We tickle my long whale back and splash my dolphin's nose.
My octopus legs need a good hard scrub,
So up and down we go, with a rub-a-dub-dub.

My octopus arms like to flip and flop and splash
They seem to wash themselves, with a rub-a-dub-dash.
And then, sometimes, but only if I dare,
I dunk my head right under and wash my mermaid (merman) hair.

At the end of fun and play, I pull out the plug,
And the water starts to drain right out of the tub.
With a swirling and a whirling, around and around,
My friends disappear with a goodbye gurgling sound.

I say a big thank you as I climb out of the bath,
I love this secret place where my friends make me laugh.
And now it's time to dry myself and get ready for the night,
Another day will follow soon, with fun and play so bright.