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ACTIVITY *page*

24-36 months

What do we have?

- > Wire or pipe cleaners
- > Sheet, bedspread, or large piece of plastic (optional)
- > ¼ cup dishwashing detergent (Joy and Dawn work best)
- > 8 cups water
- > 1 tablespoon corn syrup
- > Spoon
- > Large plastic container with lid
- > Smaller plastic container
- > Toddler book

Book sharing

Your child will enjoy reading books that make her laugh. Books with made-up words can be especially fun for you to read out loud.

Blowing Bubbles: Exploring Materials and Actions

How do we do it?

1. Bend the wire and pipe cleaners to make bubble wands.
2. If you will be blowing bubbles in the house, spread the sheet or plastic on the floor.
3. Pour the detergent, water, and syrup or glycerine into the large container. Stir gently without creating suds.
4. Pour some into the smaller container and set it where it will not get spilled.
5. Place the wands in the solution. Gently blow to make bubbles. Take turns with your child – one of you blows bubbles while the other tries to pop them.
6. Store any extra solution in the large container, covered with the lid, until your child wants to play again.

What's in it for us?

- > **Motor:** Blowing bubbles helps your child develop the muscles she needs for clear speech.
- > **Cognitive:** Your child is a scientist as she discovers how hard to blow and how hard to wave different wands to create bubbles.
- > **Social-emotional:** Your child is discovering humor – she probably laughs a lot while she plays with bubbles!

 (child skill or parent skill defined by the parent/parent educator)

**Your child's brain**

With each new experience your child has, the more she is learning – connections are created in her brain.

**Safety tip**

Indoors or outdoors, clean up any spills right away. The bubble solution is soapy and slippery, and you don't want anyone to fall.



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Parenting behavior

Designing/guiding: You are giving your child an opportunity to interact with new materials and to experiment.

Continued learning

Experiment! Blow bubbles with other materials like strawberry baskets, fly swatters, and bubble wands. Which ones work best?

Encourage your child to blow into the dish with a straw. Bubbles will come flowing out. Be careful, though; don't do this if your child doesn't understand the difference between blowing out and sucking up through the straw.

Blowing bubbles can be calming. If things are getting chaotic around your home, go outside and start blowing bubbles.

What I noticed about my child ...

What I noticed about myself ...