

# Toy Car Wash!



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Toddler  
1.5 - 2.5 years

Is there anything better than an activity that's fun AND productive? Enjoy a warm, sunny day outside by setting up your very own miniature car wash! Children will love getting all of their toy vehicles squeaky-clean, and learn how to share toys and the water if you've got a group of children participating.

## Lightbulb Learning Outcomes

### Domain:

Social

### Indicator:

Offering toys

### Skills:

Social interest



## Materials

- Toy cars (or trucks, bikes or other vehicles)
- Dish soap
- Wash cloths
- Water
- Bin



## Instructions

**Step 1:** Have your child gather their toy cars or other vehicles.

**Step 2:** Take a small bin and fill it halfway with warm water and dish soap.

**Step 3:** Take the bin outside to your driveway or sidewalk and have your child drive up their cars for the wash.

**Step 4:** Using a washcloth, scrub each vehicle clean.



## Age Adjustments

**For older preschoolers:** Have them help set up the car wash. Make it even more elaborate by having them draw a road on the sidewalk/driveway.

**For younger toddlers:** You might have to give them directions one at a time and model the washing before they join the activity. Then slowly back away and they will continue on their own. Speak with them to keep them engaged.



## Playful Questions

- How can we clean these vehicles?
- How do we make bubbles?
- Should we use cold or warm water?
- What do you do with the washcloth?
- How many cars do we have?