

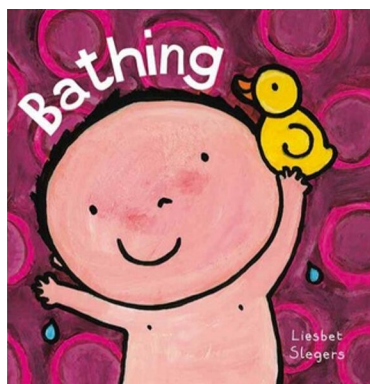
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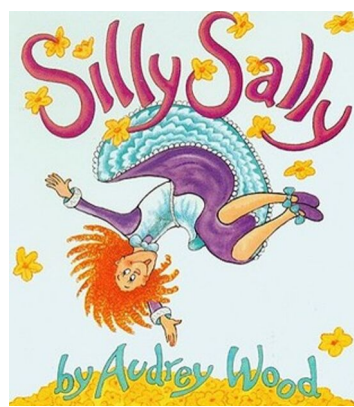
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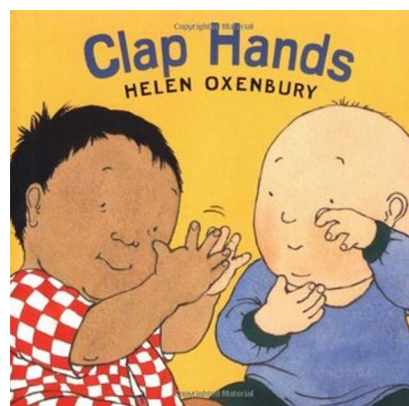
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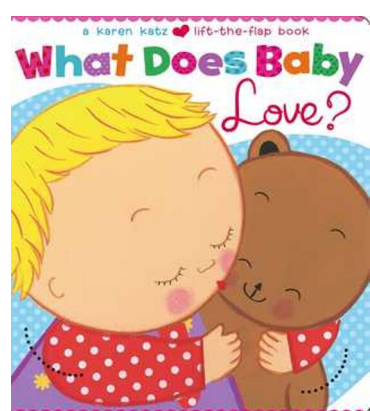
**TALK** - Name things your baby looks at or points to. At bathtime, tell your baby what is happening and what you will do next. This helps develop early language skills.



**RHYME AWAY** - Singing or reading new and familiar rhymes is a great way for babies to learn about the sounds of their first language.



**ACT IT OUT** - Many great board books are designed to foster interaction with your baby. So go for it! Read the story and blow a trumpet and bang a drum!



**DEVELOP THOSE FINE MOTOR SKILLS** - At this age, babies can hold onto a book and pat the pictures they like. A puppy, a blueberry, noisy toy! What will your baby love?



**BEDTIME ROUTINE** - Make reading part of your bedtime routine! It's an easy way to add language to your child's day.

# 9-12 Months

## Kit A

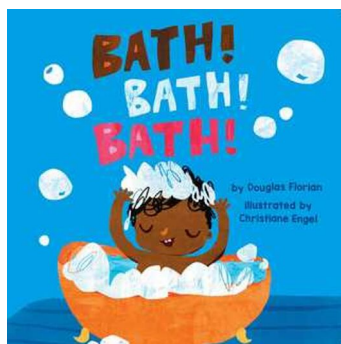
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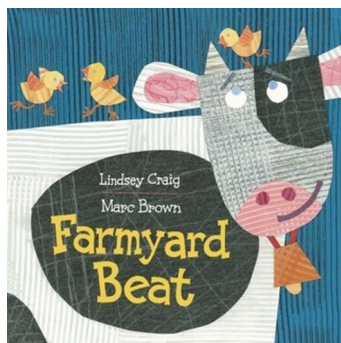
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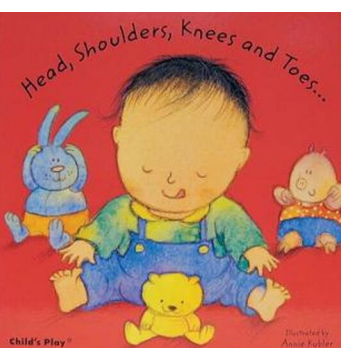
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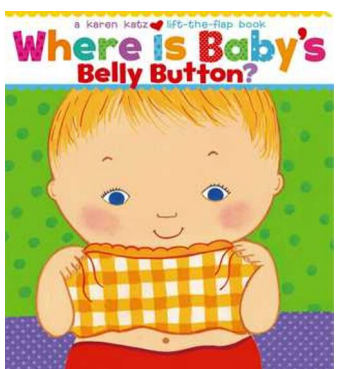
**AGAIN, AGAIN** - Babies at this age love to do and hear things over and over again. Repetition helps build their memory. So go ahead and repeat the rhyme over and over again and incorporate it into bathtime with your little one.



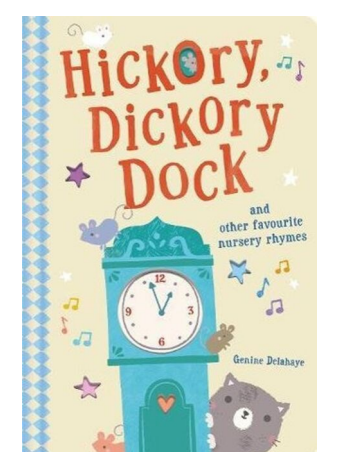
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**SING AWAY** - Singing with your child is great for brain development and, more importantly, is an intimate activity that strengthens the bond between the two of you.



**PLAY** - Research shows that play is how children learn about their world. Help your baby take the next step in their play by playing a game of "Where is?" asking where their eyes, belly button, nose, and feet are.



**DIAPER RHYME TIME** - Diaper changing time is a great time to incorporate rhyming and singing. It can help calm a wiggly baby or toddler. Picking favorite, familiar songs to sing while changing your baby's diaper - like Three Blind Mice, Old MacDonald, or another favorite - is an easy, fun way to build early literacy skills!

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## Kit B



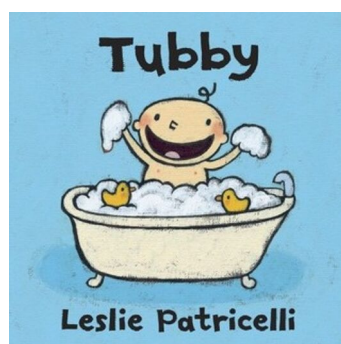
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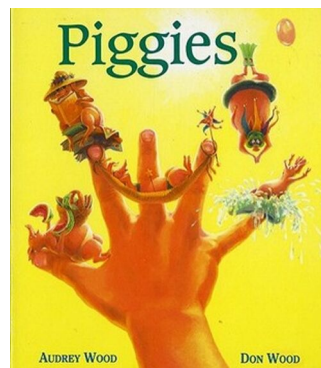
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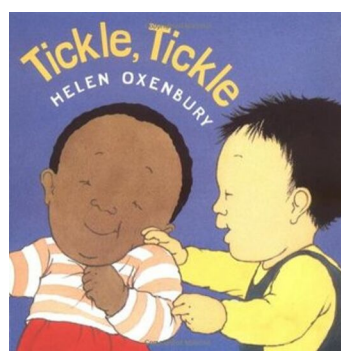
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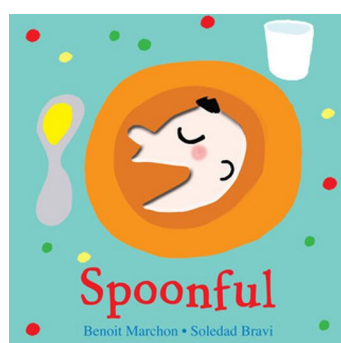
**BATH TIME IS PLAYTIME** - Research shows that play is how children learn about their world. Find fun and easy ways to incorporate play into your baby's bath time in this book!



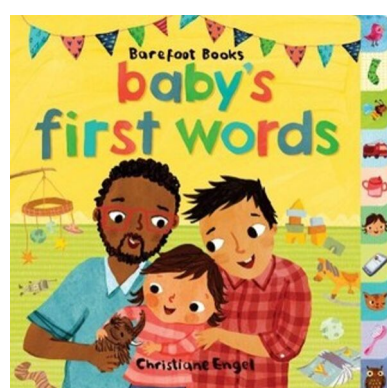
**ACT IT OUT** - Many great board books are designed to foster interaction with your baby. So go for it! Extend the story and stretch out your little piggies!



**RHYME AWAY** - Singing or reading new and familiar rhymes is a great way for babies to learn about the sounds of their first language. You can turn the rhyme into play by acting the story out with your baby, too!



**DINNERTIME IS PLAYTIME** - Research shows that play is how children learn about their world. Make dinner time fun by acting out the different characters with your baby. Who knows? It might just help them eat those peas, too!



**TALK** - Name everyday things your baby looks at or points to. This helps develop early language skills.

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**Kit C**