



# Supporting Your Toddlers Language Development While Doing Laundry

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### Who knew laundry could be so fun!?

Involve your child in the process and turn it into an engaging and fun learning experience. Model simple words such as the ones bolded below.

- Have your child help you put clothes **IN** and **OUT** of the basket/washer/dryer
- Describe how the clothes feel – **wet, dry, warm**
- Cover your child with the warm clothes saying, **“ohhhh, ahhhh!”**
- Play a following directions game with clothes on the other side of the room and then throwing them into the basket. **“Go get the socks!” “Go get some pants!”**
- Put a sock over your hand and you have a puppet. The puppet can **TICKLE** your child, **EAT** pretend food, etc.

### Laundry Basket Play

Sit your child in the basket and cover them up with clothes. Play Peekaboo with the clothes. Place the basket over your child and knock on the top saying, “Knock knock!”. Take it off and say, **“Boo!”**

Sit your child in the basket and push them around the room. Great for requesting: go! Again! More! Push! Go **FAST** and **SLOW**.

Sit child in the basket and sing **“Row Row Row Your Boat”** while pushing the basket back and forth. Sing “Humpty Dumpty” tipping the basket side to side. Dump them out at the end for “had a great **FALL!**”



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