

The Flying Bath



# **Visual Story**

A visual resource for children and adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

This resource is intended to help prepare any visitors for a new experience and to help them to become familiar with the show, surroundings and situation.

#### The Show

The show lasts for approx. 45 mins and does not have an interval.

There are 2 performers in the show and lots of puppets. The performers play the part of children who are playing with their toys and objects in the bathroom. The toys and objects become the puppets that tell the story and portray the other characters.

The show has recorded music and songs.

# **Synopsis**

When the children play the bath toys spring into action and head off on exciting adventures in their magical flying bath! From giving a muddy piglet a shower to putting out a fire for a frightened baboon, they have water at the ready for any emergency.

Julia Donaldson and David Roberts' playful and adventurous story splashes into life in this adaptation featuring catchy songs, quirky bath toys and everyday heroes.



### Characters

The children are performers and all the other characters are puppets. Some of the characters are made by putting objects from the bathroom together to make a character. The Kangaroo is a towel the girl wears over her head. The bee is a backpack the boy wears.





**Duckie, Froggy and Turtle** 







Piggy



Fish



Kangaroo Bee

#### The Show

In this section special alerts are written in blue ink.

## Play notes



When you enter the auditorium this is how the stage is set.

When it's time for the show to start the lights dim and music plays.

The girl and boy enter from the side of the stage. The boys comes in first and then the girl. They play around and splash each other with bath water. They pretend they are underwater— The lights go blue.

The girl jumps on the boy who screams!

Bubbles come out of a toy whale which they blow towards the audience.

They sing a song about their bath toys and we meet turtle, froggy and duckie.

We hear mums voice from backstage calling to tell them to get into the bath.

They argue over the squirrel toy, which the boy doesn't want to include as it isn't a bath toy.

The girls shouts "muuuuuuum!"





They find a lamp which becomes the sun. It's morning and time for the bath squad to get to work!

They make a phone ringing sound and Duckie answers the phone, which is the shower head on the bath.

There is a water emergency! A Kangaroo is weak with thirst.

The Bath Squad jump into their flying bath and set off to help the Kangeroo, singing as they go.

The girl spots the kangaroo towel and puts it on her head to pretend to be the Kangeroo.

She wanders through the desert. She is very thirsty.

The boy uses cactuses from the bathroom to create a desert. The kangaroo jumps to the cactuses and peers through. She sings a song about how thirsty she is.





They give her a drink of cool refreshing water. Kangaroo slurps water.

She's going to be all right.

The Kangeroo asks the Bath Squad if they Would like to jump. They jump in kangaroo's pouch and jump, singing a song.



The phone rings and duckie answers the phone, which is the shower head on the bath.

There is a water emergency!

A bee is feeling very worried. The flowers are droopy.

The children use things around the bathroom to make flowers (sponges) and a honeycomb (boxes).

The boy dresses up as a bee with a backpack and sunglasses. We see the bee buzzing around and trying to land on the flowers, but they are all droopy.

They sing a song about droopy flowers.



The bath squad come and water the flowers and they stand up straight.

The bee offers them some honey to say thank you, and they all sing a song about honey and get in a sticky mess!



The phone rings and this time they argue about who is going to answer it.

Duckie answers the phone.

There is a water emergency!

A piglet needs to have a wash.

The bath squad sing their song as they fly to help the piglet.





They sing a squelchy song about mud. As they sing, they put mud on shelves and over the bath. They use brown towels as mud.

There are lots of loud squelchy sounds!

Piggy moves across stage (with flannels over him to show how muddy he is) and into a basket where he dives in and out. He then moves to the bath and washes.

There are bubbles coming out of the bath.

When the Piglet is clean they all play tig tag and sing a song!

The phone rings and duckie answers it

There is a water emergency!

It's a scared baboon whose tree is on fire.

The bath squad sing their song as they fly to help the baboon.

The performers bang buckets and tubs like drums. Drumming music plays in the background.

The boy and the girl find things in the bathroom to make a jungle.

They use make up to draw on their faces.









As the drum music continues the children play around as if they are in the jungle. They look through pretend binoculars to see what they can see. They pretend that mosquitos are flying around them which they squash with a clap. The hose from the shower becomes a snake and makes them scream!

We hear the sounds of a monkey in distress and see the red glow of fire. The fire is represented by some red rubber gloves. While singing about the fire crackling and burning the bath squad try to put it out.



They think they have put the fire out but suddenly it comes roaring back to life. They squash it out with a towel.

The bath phone rings. A fish is frantic. There's a drought.

His pond Is drying out.

The Bath Squad sing their song as they set off to rescue the fish.

They discover the Fish flapping in a puddle of water.

Singing a song about the fish being out of water they swoop down and pick up the fish. They plop him into the bath.

Mums voice calls out:

Have you two finished in there yet? Because when I come in, that bathroom better be nice and tidy!

They frantically tidy, rushing around as music plays they put everything back where it was at the

beginning. They think they have finished and stop to relax but then they remember the squirrel!

When the squirrel is back in its place they shout out: *Ready!* 

They look towards the door waiting for mum to come in and all the lights go out.

This is the end of the show.

The lights come back on again and the performers take a bow. You can clap them if you want to.







This is the end of the show, we hope you enjoyed it.