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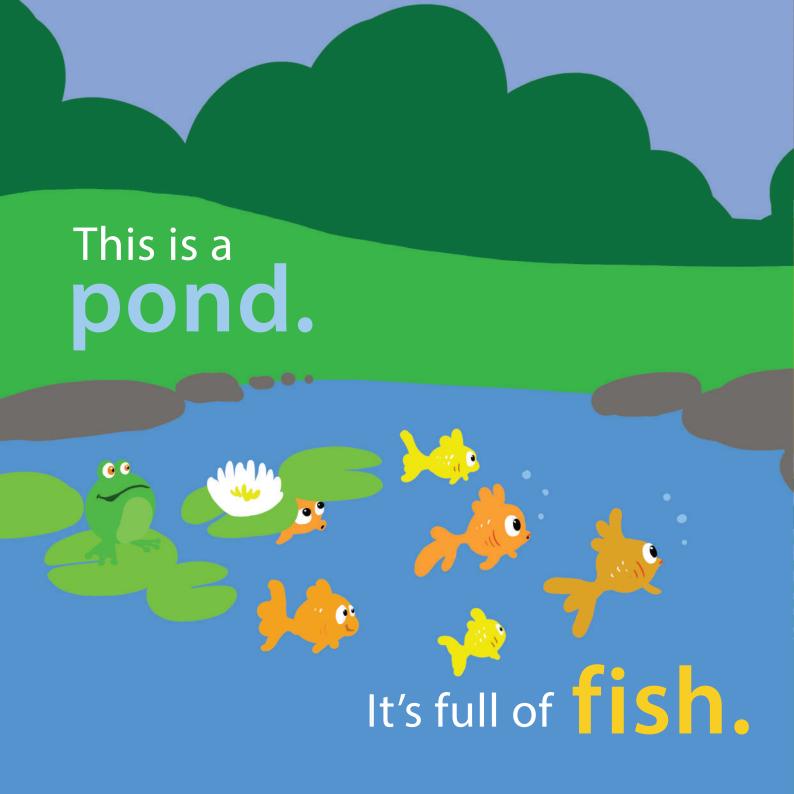
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Wise Owl watches over me.















This is the tub.

We don't bath alone.



We need Supervision

- ignore the phone.





Make sure water safety is number 1.



If you see trouble



and need a hero,

stay calm and dial Triple Zero.



FINGER PUPPETS

- 1. Colour photocopy this page.
- 2. Use the copy to cutout the characters and props.
- 3. Wrap the tabs around your finger, use sticky tape to hold it together.





TIP: For best results copy using glossy photo paper

Educator Notes

The Wise Owl book series has been designed to introduce young children to water safety in a positive way. The series can be used to introduce a range of water related experiences that children will explore with their families and within the community. The books are colourful and engaging and allow teachers, educators and caregivers to talk with children about the pictures and concepts.

The aim of the series is to engage and educate children while they interact with the story so that they can have enjoyable and safe interactions when in and around water with their families. Swimming and enjoying recreation activities on and around the water is a way of life for many Australians.

While reading the books encourage children to:

- Talk about what they see and hear in the stories
- Recount what happened in each story
- Share ideas from their experiences at home and within the community
- Share water related stories from their cultural heritage
- Explore sacred, cultural and social links to water for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities
- Contribute ideas and experiences in small and large group discussions and during play
- Talk about the rhyme and sounds within the stories

Build the learning experience by:

- Singing and chanting the rhymes, jingles and songs from the Kids Alive Do The Five water safety music
- Introducing the creative arts of singing, dancing and drama by following along to the Kids Alive Do The Five dance routines
- Providing children with everyday materials to build on water safety experiences at the home, farm, pool and beach environments during play and projects.

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Wise Owl at Home

This book explores water dangers that can be found around the home.

Some safety themes for discussion may include:

- Bathtubs (Adult supervision, remove plug, empty water, distractions during bath time)
- Home pools (pool fencing, pool gates, learn to swim, adult supervision, CPR)
- Empty water containers (buckets, containers, wheelbarrow, esky, animal bowls)
- Water play, supervision and emptying water after use (blow up pools, swim shells)
- Fishpond (not for swimming or playing, stand back from the edge)

Additional topics to explore for water safety around the home:

- Water catchers that also pose risk (dog bowls, water play shells, play tables)
- Discuss water conservation, tip water onto plants / gardens / use for washing

Activity ideas:

- · Washing baby dolls with adults supervising them
- Explore what floats and sinks in water
- Build a small world home scene with common water hazards found at home



The Kids Alive Team is proud to present WISE OWL AT THE FARM.

Join water safety expert Wise Owl as he teaches his friends about water safety.

Other books in this series include:

WISE OWL AT THE FARM
WISE OWL AT THE POOL
WISE OWL AT THE BEACH





