

## Glitter Germs

**Materials: shaker of glitter, soap and water, sink and paper towels**

**TS GOLD Objective 12b: Remembers and connects experiences-Makes Connections**

**Related Objectives:**

Make sure children have some background information about germs. Remind them that real germs are even tinier than glitter, but “we are all going to pretend” the glitter is germs so “we can see what happens” with germs. Put a small amount of glitter on each child’s hands. Divide children into two groups: have 1 group wash their hands with soap and have group 2 wash without soap. Show how soap gets rid of glitter (germs) better than water alone. Next, have the children stand in a small semi-circle around you. Put glitter in your hand while the children watch then ask them to close their eyes and count with you to 20 while you walk around and touch each one to give them some glitter-germs. Move from child to child while the counting is happening and touch them on, their hand, their shoulder, their elbow, etc. Have them open their eyes and look for where the glitter got transferred. Explain how germs are also transferred in this way, and we don’t even see it happening! Finish the lesson by having them “get the germs off their hands” one more time.

## Class Book

**Materials: One template book page per child with your prompt sentence and space for children to draw and sign their name.**

**TS GOLD Objective 19: Demonstrates emergent writing skills**

**Related Objectives: 11, 12a and b, 14, 18**

After having discussed the topic of hand washing, germs and/or health in multiple settings (books, songs, meal conversations, Glitter Germ lesson, etc), work with 4-6 children at a time to have them complete a page for your class book. See example page that could be used right after reading **Germs Are Not for Sharing**. Let children complete the sentence in their own writing or with your help (as needed) and then draw a picture to illustrate their idea and then write their name. Compile everyone’s work into one Class Book about Handwashing/Germs. When the book is compiled read it to your whole class at circle time.

Extension Ideas: put the Class Book in the library center, make copies so each child can take one home and read it with their family.