

# A Handwashing Tale With Hitch-a-ride, Tag-along and Tadpole

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It's Monday morning. Michelle and Trena are hurrying to visit Mrs. Smith's classroom.

They hurry into the room for they have a great tale to tell the children. Trena says, "I need to tell you we are being followed. Oh, I know that you can't see them but they are there. I call them Hitch-a-ride, Tag-along, and Tadpole."

Trena explains that Hitch-a-ride looks just like a hitchhiker. Tag-along is always holding onto Hitch-a-ride's shirttail. And little brother Tadpole thinks he has to go everywhere Hitch-a-ride and Tag-along go.

**(see #1 illustration of Hitch-a-ride, Tag-along and Tadpole)**

Trena and Michelle explain to the children that Hitch-a-ride, Tag-along and Tadpole are germs. "Just listen and Trena and Michelle will tell you about germs", says Mrs. Smith.

Michelle has names for the different parts of the hand. She shows them that the spaces between their fingers are like duck feet. The area between the index finger and thumb is like the rainbow and along the edge of the hand is like a slithery snake. As she shows the duck feet, rainbow and slithery snake on her hand, she asks the children to find the different parts on their own hands.

**( see #2 illustration of hand showing different areas)**

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