

LIXIL Tubby Time



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Dedication

We often take for granted how vital a plumber's work is to our day-to-day lives. From the simple repair of a running toilet to the frontline response during a natural disaster, thank you to the plumbers who keep our lives clean, safe, comfortable and convenient.

Tubby Time

Our favorite time of the day!
What happens when we can't take a tubby and
the importance of household plumbing

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It is my favorite time of day -
TUBBY TIME!

As Mom goes to fill up the tub, I pull out the bath basket to pick out which toys *ALSO* need a bath. (I think they all do, but Mom says to pick 3).

Finn the Shark DEFINITELY does.

Gil the Angelfish probably does too.

Hm, and for my third toy...



"Uh-oh," Mom says.

"What!?" I ask.

"The water isn't getting hot - it's like ICE!"

I stick my toe into the tub, just to be sure. It feels colder than my favorite double chocolate chip ice cream!



Brrr...





"Does...this...mean....no...tubby time!?" I start to cry.
No bubbles!?
No bath crayons?
No bath for Finn and Gil?



"Sweetie, don't worry.
We just need someone who can help solve this
problem. I'm going to call the plumber."

"The WHAT!?"
I call as Mom leaves the room.







Oh, a plumber is a PERSON! With a big plum colored box [a toolbox]!

"Hi there, my name is Jamie, and I'm here to get your water warmed up!"

NO WAY! My name is Jamie too!

"How are you going to warm the water up?"

"Well, I'm happy to show you, if you'd like to be my Junior Plumber!"

"Sure! Oh, wait a second!" I want a toolbox like Plumber Jamie but I don't have one. But I can use my lunchbox! "Now I'm ready."





"Great! First, how do you think water gets warm?"

I'd never thought about that before! So I think really hard. What is something hot? Oh wait, we JUST learned about this in science class....

"LAVA!!!!" I exclaim.

Jamie smiles. "That's a really interesting idea! But there's actually something else that helps keep your water warm..."

"A water heater. It's kind of like a thermos, like you have there in your lunchbox!"
"Toolbox."

"Yes, of course, your toolbox! But it has a big coil that looks like a spring that gets very, very hot! And that warms up the water. You have to be very careful with very, very hot water. Luckily on your shower control there is a special stopper that keeps the water from getting too hot!"







Bath Toys

"Like a stop sign?"
"Sure! Now, let's go to the bathroom and see what's there.
There's your tub..."

"I love tubby time. And these are all my tubby friends!
Do you like bath time, Jamie the Plumber?"



"I do, just like you. So we have to fix this for you. There are cold and hot water pipes behind the wall. Pipes are like straws. Have you ever used a straw? Think of how it allows you to pull your drink up without it going everywhere. Pipes move water so it doesn't go everywhere.

The pipes move the water into a box called a valve to mix the water so it is just right. You control this by moving the handles on your tub filler. That mixes the hot and cold water until it is just right."







"Over there is your bathroom faucet. Same thing. This one you have probably tested yourself. If it was too cold or too hot you adjusted the handle to make the water just right. Jamie, have you had the water too hot or too cold?"

"One time, I washed my hands and I made the water too hot!"



"Then we have the toilet. This is clean cold water.
This water swirls and cleans the toilet bowl to take away what is in it.
And we need to be careful what we put in there. Too much paper or the
wrong things, it will overflow and cause a big mess."



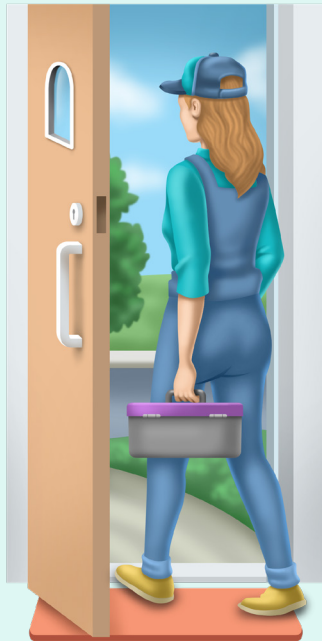




"Where else is water used?"
I think hard and remember...

"The spinny machine!" "Dad is always doing laundry, because I like making mud castles a lot."

"Luckily Jamie, we can clean our clothes, our teeth and ourselves and safe drinking water- thanks to plumbing and water!"
Jamie the Plumber leaves, and I think of what a cool day we had together.



"Mom," I say. "Can I be a plumber when I grow up?"

She smiles.

"Of course! It's a very important job that helps keep our home safe.
If that's what you want to be, you can!"









And just maybe, I will.



The End

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Five Reasons to Consider a Career in Plumbing

Plumbers are Vital to Society

Proper plumbing is critical to the health, safety and hygiene of our homes, communities and environment. We count on plumbers to provide and protect access to clean drinking and bath water, proper sanitation, heating and cooling.

Job Security

People will always need plumbers to perform installations and repairs. Overwhelming market demand and limited outsourcing/automation alternatives mean plumbers who want to work, can.

Earning Potential

Plumbers make more money than most people think. The average plumber in the United States earns over \$50,000 annually, with the top 10% of plumbers earning six figures.

Become a Plumber AND an Entrepreneur

A licensed plumber can work at a company or open their own business. Many plumbers choose to strike out on their own to earn more money and achieve a greater work-life balance.

A Traditional College Degree is Not the Only Road to Success

Most jobs that pay over \$50,000 a year require a 4-year college degree, resulting in large amounts of debt after graduation. However, plumbers can earn just as much by beginning their education at a vocational school and moving to a paid apprenticeship.

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