

## Wishy Washy Washer Woman

I'm having so much fun with this traditional song in my library concerts this summer, I thought I'd share it (or rather borrow it from my other website- [www.singWithOurKids.com](http://www.singWithOurKids.com)). This link, [www.singwithourkids.com/experts-rick.htm](http://www.singwithourkids.com/experts-rick.htm), will take you to one of the great short articles about singing with kids and a video where you can see the motions to this song. I learned it from a wonderful children's librarian, Rick Samuelson and he's been kind enough to provide a video of the motions. While you're there, poke around and check out all the other free resources.

If you can find an old washboard to show the kids, it makes for a great discussion. You can put some thimbles on your fingers and play a song or two before teaching this one. I sing *This Old Man* (only counting to five)

### Wishy Washy Washer Woman

#### 1. Way down in the valley where nobody goes

(Point downward...then wag finger)

There's a wishy washy washer woman washing her clothes

She goes: ooh! aah! ooh ahh, ooh ahh, ooh, ahh

(using both hands, scrub down then up)

That's how the wishy washy washer woman washes her clothes!

#### 2. Way down in the valley where nobody goes

There's a wishy washy washer woman drying her clothes

She goes: (blow!) aah! (blow!) aah! (blow!) aah (blow!) aah!

That's how the wishy washy washer woman dries her clothes

#### 3. Way down in the valley where nobody goes

There's a wishy washy washer woman folding her clothes

She goes: clap clap, clap clap, clap clap, clap clap

That's how the wishy washy washer woman folds her clothes!