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THE ITTY BITTY IBIS



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Once upon a time...
There was an Itty Bitty Ibis
Now an Ibis, my friend,
Is a wading bird
With a long, silly bill on one end!

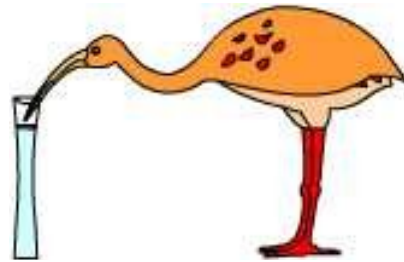
His bill is like a very long straw.
He dips it in the water to draw
Itty bitty food into his mouth.
WOUTH, WHAT A MOUTH!!

The Itty Bitty Ibis one day
Found an interesting way to play
He would dip his bill in the water
And blow out!
(He shouldn't oughter!)

Lots of bubbles would quickly appear
Whenever Itty Bitty Ibis was near.
All the other birds would look.
They had never seen that in a brook!

At first it scared them,
But soon they understood
That the Itty Bitty Ibis
Could and would...

Blow some air
Through his long, long bill!
The water would wiggle, and then explode!
Since water can't take
Such a bubbly load!



**Itty Bitty Ibis
Would laugh with glee
And soon the others began to see
That this was great fun!
WHOPPEE, WHEE!**

**Soon all the ibis
In the flock
Began to blow bubbles
Just to mock**

**The Itty Bitty Ibis
When playing his game!
My, my, my...
Feeding time was never the same!**

**Now when no people are looking
Fun in the water is really cooking.
The Itty Bitty Ibis and his friends
Make millions of bubbles
And even more grins!**

**To some it may seem rude,
That's for sure,
But all those bubbles
Help make the water pure!**

**The purer the water
And the safer the drink
The better for everyone,
DON'T YOU THINK?**



**Now no one knows
But you and me
That the Itty Bitty Ibis
With much joy and glee**

**Makes things better
With the bubbles and his bill
And Itty Bitty Ibis
Is laughing still!**

And he lived happily ever after...



LESSON PLAN

What is the Itty Bitty Ibis's bill shaped like?

What did the Itty Bitty Ibis like to do when he was eating?

Are there right times and wrong times to have fun?

Name some of the rhyming words in the story...

Did the Itty Bitty Ibis teach anyone else to have fun, and who?

Tell us about a time when you had fun !