

Yucky Germs on Bread experiment

This is a great experiment that shows children the importance of washing their hands.

You will need:

- 1) slices of bread
- 2) zippered or resealable plastic bags.

Experiment:

Use gloves to place a slice of bread in a bag. This is your 'control' sample. Next, have your child/children touch the second slice of bread and place it in the second bag. This is your 'dirty hands' sample. Then, have your child/children wash their hands and then touch the third slice of bread and place it in the third bag. This is your 'clean hands' sample. Observe the slices of bread every day. What can you see?

The 'dirty hands' slice of bread should begin to develop mould much sooner than the 'clean hands' slice. The 'control' sample should be the last one that develops mould. The experiment gets even more interesting when a few people take part, so you can compare who had washed their hands better.

