**Hand Washing** (Marshall Reading Stories 4.0)

Maria has three young \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  She is busy. Her oldest child is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Her second child is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Her third child is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. She has taught her children how to wash their hands. They wash their hands \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ using the bathroom. They wash their hands \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ eating a snack or meal.

     The two older children can wash \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ own hands. Maria still washes her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ child’s hands. They always use soap and warm water. They wash for at least \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seconds. The children slowly count to ten as they are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their hands. Hands may not be clean if washed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than 10 seconds.

     \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and her children wash their hands when they come home from shopping or other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ places. Maria knows there are many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on doorknobs and grocery carts. She knows there are many germs on other places people put their hands. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ washing is important to Maria. She wants her children to be clean and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

     Hand washing is very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for anyone who wants to stay healthy.

One of the best ways to prevent \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is washing your hands. Stay healthy!

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**Match the vocabulary to the definition.**

snack to stop before something happens

germs some amount/number, and higher or more than that amount/number

prevent something small to eat, like an apple, crackers or chips.

at least open for anyone

public tiny organisms that are all around us and are invisible to the human eye. Some cause diseases or viruses and can make you sick.

1. When should you wash your hands? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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2. You should wash your hands for at least \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Where are some places that can have many germs? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_