



Down Our Kitchen Sink

Hi Kids! I'm Piper the Pipe Protector!

It's not just in the bathroom that people send lots of different things down the drain. This happens in your kitchen, too. Just like in the bathroom, some things are supposed to go down the drain and others are not. But it can be really difficult to tell the difference. It's especially hard to know what happens to all that stuff because we never get to see it again once it goes down the drain.

This activity is designed to help us actually see what happens to all the stuff we might send down our kitchen sink.

► **FIRST**, make sure you have all of the items you will need for this activity:



1 clear plastic or glass container, lid optional. Recycled food containers work great! You can use a cleaned jar of: peanut butter, or salsa, or jam, or tomato sauce, or milk, or juice. You can even use a simple plastic cup.



Foods that might go down your kitchen sink. Restaurant food packets are great because you only need a little bit of food. This could be ketchup, or mustard, or mayo, or bbq sauce, or ranch dressing, or whatever you can find!



Something to stir with. This might be a spoon, or a straw, or a coffee stirrer, or a stick.



Water.



Pen, colored pencils, crayons, or markers for sketching.

Getting Set Up



NEXT, prepare your materials for the activity:



Prepare your containers.

Wash them and remove enough of the label so that you can see clearly into them.



Fill your containers.

Fill half way with water.



Gather the food items you plan to use.

Some towels for cleaning up are nice to have, too.



Gather your containers, food items, stirring tool, and your sketching supplies together.