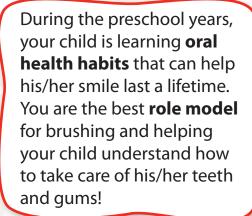


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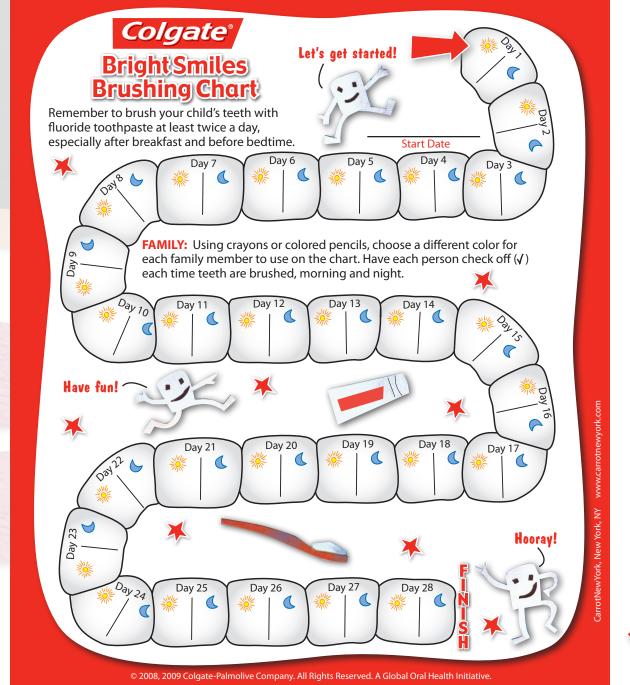
Cavities among preschoolers have increased for the first time in 40 years. That means it's even *more* important to make sure your children learn how to take care of their teeth.

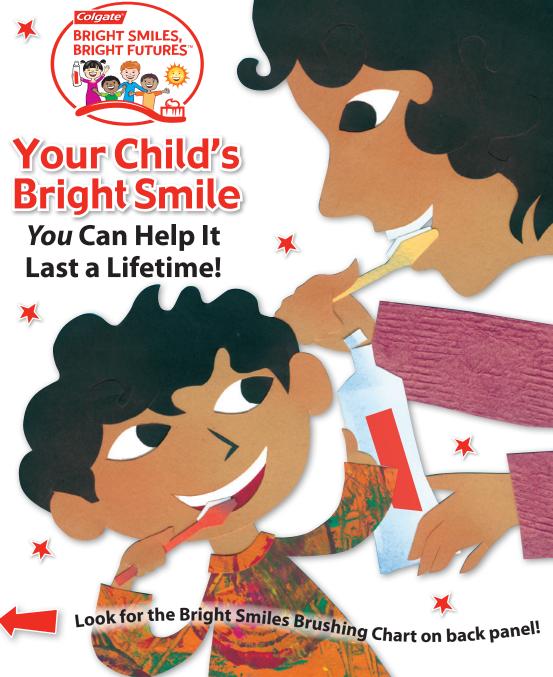




As a parent, you can help your child have a **bright smile** for a **bright future**!

Here are the 3 Simple Steps to follow... and to teach your child, too!





Brush your child's teeth at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, especially after breakfast and before bedtime.

Tell your child: Brushing gets rid of food and plaque – and fluoride keeps teeth strong and helps fight decay!

Help your child learn the proper way to brush.













Limit the number of times your child eats snacks each day.

Tell your child: Every time you eat or drink anything other than water, "plaque" bacteria attack your teeth. That's why you shouldn't eat snacks too many times during the day.

Every Snack Causes Plaque













= 20 minutes of plaque attack





Visit the dentist regularly.

Tell your child: The dentist is your partner in oral health. Between checkups, we need to help by taking caring of your teeth and gums every day!

Your Child's Dental Appointment

During the dental checkup, the dental professional may:

- Clean and polish your child's teeth
- Check your child's teeth and gums
- Take X-rays
- Talk about proper oral care







