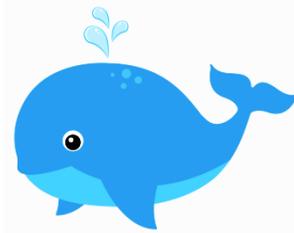


At-Home Storytimes

Theme: Ocean



Waves in the Sea

To the tune of Wheels on the Bus

Source: Pinterest

The waves in the sea go
Up and down, up and down,
Up and down

The waves in the sea go
Up and down all day long

The sharks in the sea go
Snap, snap, snap...

The fish in the sea go
Swish, swish, swish

The boats in the sea go
Toot, toot, toot

Tip: Can you think of other animals, people, things that go, and anything else that we might see in the ocean to go with the song?

Old MacDonald had an Ocean

Source: Preschool Alphabet blog

Old MacDonald had an ocean, EIEIO
And in his ocean he had a shark! EIEIO
With a chomp, chomp here,
(Make big chomping motion with your arms)
And a chomp, chomp there
Here a chomp, there a chomp
Everywhere a chomp, chomp
Old MacDonald had an ocean EIEIO

Other verse:

Crab – pinching fingers
Whale – stand up and spout hands in the air
Sea Turtle – swim slowly around the room

Book Suggestions

My Ocean is Blue by Darren LeBeuf
Poor Little Guy by Elanna Allen
Swallow the Leader by Danna Smith
I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean by Kevin Sherry
Wendell the Narwhal by Emily Dove
Sea Monkey & Bob by Aaron Reynolds
Hooray for Fish by Lucy Cousins
Misunderstood Shark by Ame Dyckman

*For more books about the ocean and sea life, checkout our Nature - Ocean section in picture books!

Possible questions to ask while reading:

What ocean life do you see?
Where do you think sea creatures live in the ocean? (Some fish live among coral)
How many different types of ocean life do you see? The same ocean life?
What colors do you see?
Where do you think the fish or other creatures are going in the story?

Possible questions while doing the activities:

What colors did you use in your fish tank?
How do you think your fish feels in the fish tank with all of its places to explore?
Which color of goldfish has the most? The color with the least?
What colors are in your patterns?
How many goldfish are in your patterns?

Activities at Home

Parts of a Fish

Supplies:

Construction paper

Paint

Paintbrush

Scissors (optional)

Dry beans

Googly eye

Glue

Something to write with

Cut the construction paper into the shape of a fish bowl. Paint one of the child's hands, and press it firmly onto the construction paper. You can glue the dry beans at the bottom of the fish bowl to look like the rocks at the bottom of most fish tanks. Once the paint is dried, you can glue the googly eye toward the top of the palm of your hand. You can also give your fish a mouth. Then you can label the parts of the fish, which are the eye, mouth, fin (thumb), and tail (fingers). The child can also decorate their fish tank with coral, caves, and whatever else they want their fish tank to have.

Goldfish Counting

Give your child a blank piece of construction paper to start this activity. There are a couple different ways to do this activity. The first is to place a certain number of goldfish on the paper and have the child count the goldfish. The other way is to tell your child a number for them to count out with goldfish onto the paper.

Goldfish Sorting

With the multicolor goldfish, the child can sort the different colors onto different sheets of paper. It can be the same color construction paper, or the paper can match the goldfish. It is whatever is best for your child. They can count out each color to see which one has the most or least amount of goldfish.

Goldfish Patterns

Using the multicolor goldfish, the parent can create a pattern. The child can finish the pattern by either placing the correct goldfish given to them, or searching for the next color in a pile of the colorful goldfish.