

Oceans

Storytime To Go

Books

I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean

Kevin Sherry

Ten Little Fish

Audrey Wood

A House for Hermit Crab

Eric Carle

Hooray for Fish!

Lucy Cousins

This is Not My Hat

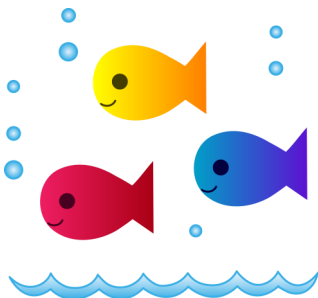
Jon Klassen

Fish Eyes

Lois Ehlert

Toys

Crab Puppet



Fingerplays

Teasing Mr. Shark

Five little fishes
Swimming out to sea
Teasing Mr. Shark
"You can't catch me!"
Along came Mr. Shark
As quiet as can be
SNAP! (clap hands)

Four little fishes
Swimming out to sea
Teasing Mr. Shark
"You can't catch me!"
Along came Mr. Shark
As quiet as can be
SNAP! (clap hands)

Three little fishes
Swimming out to sea
Teasing Mr. Shark
"You can't catch me!"
Along came Mr. Shark
As quiet as can be
SNAP! (clap hands)

Two little fishes
Swimming out to sea
Teasing Mr. Shark
"You can't catch me!"
Along came Mr. Shark
As quiet as can be
SNAP! (clap hands)

One little fishes
Swimming out to sea
Teasing Mr. Shark
"You can't catch me!"
Along came Mr. Shark
As quiet as can be
SNAP! (clap hands)

No little fishes swimming in the sea.

From Canton Public Library

Five Little Sea Shells

Five little sea shells on the ocean floor
(hold up five fingers and count down throughout rhyme)

Swoooooosh went the waves
(make a swooshing motion with both hands)

And then there were four
Four little shells laying down by the sea

Swoosh went the waves
And then there were three
Three little shells, all shiny and new

Swoosh went the waves
And then there were two
Two little sea shells, sparkling in the sun

Swoosh went the waves
And then there was one
One little sea shell laying all alone
I picked it up and I took it home
(pretend to pick up and put in pocket)

From songsforteaching.com

Action Rhymes

Octopus, Octopus

Octopus, octopus turn around
Octopus, octopus touch the ground
Octopus, octopus reach up high
Octopus, octopus wave goodbye

From King County Library System

More Action Rhymes

Motion of the Ocean

Let's make the motion of the ocean!

Jiggle like a jelly fish

Creep like a sea snail

Soar like an eagle

Wiggle like an eel

Float like a sea otter

Bark like a seal

Walk forward, backward, and sideways like a crab. The fish in the

sea go swim, swim, swim

swim, swim, swim,

swim, swim, swim

The fish in the sea go swim, swim, swim

In the deep blue sea.

The lobsters in the sea go pinch, pinch, pinch

The octopus in the sea go wiggle, wiggle, wiggle

From [Fingerplays & Action Rhymes](#)

Songs

I Went Swimming in the Ocean

(to the tune of I've Been Working on the Railroad)

I went swimming in the ocean
On a summer day.

I went swimming in the ocean
And kicked, and splashed and played.

After lunch we looked for sea-shells

I found three or four -

You can hold one up to your ear,
And hear the ocean roar.

You can hear the ocean roar,
Hear the ocean roar

Hear the ocean roar roar roar,

Hear the ocean roar, roar, roar.

And hear the ocean roar.

Art Projects

Bubble Ocean

Mix a blue paint, dish soap and water in a bowl. Blow bubbles into the mixture. Gently lay a piece of paper across the bubbles, remove paper and let dry. Add sea creatures for a beautiful ocean scene.

From *The Storytime Sourcebook II*)

Cardboard Tube Octopus

Paint a cardboard paper tube and let dry. Glue googly eyes and add embellishments to create your own octopus friend.

From fiskars.com



Flannel Board Fun

Cut out five flannel fish and a flannel shark. Glue a large square of blue felt to a large piece of cardboard or a cookie sheet for your background. Use the fish and the shark to act out the "Teasing Mr. Shark" .



Science & Math

How Long is a Blue Whale?

Buy 100 feet of twine or yarn. Talk about the largest animal in the ocean, the Blue Whale, and its extraordinary length, growing up to 100 feet long or more! Stretch the twine to its full 100 foot length so your child (and you!) can see just how long this creature can grow to be.

Sea Shell Sort

Gather sea shells of different types, colors, sizes, etc. at your next visit to the beach. Ask your child to sort them by their different attributes at the beach.

Early Literacy Take Home:

Take a trip to the beach with your child. Have him/her point out and name the various sea creatures and beach artifacts. Building vocabulary is an essential pre-literacy skill.

Questions about this kit?
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