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Smart Activities



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Ocean Life

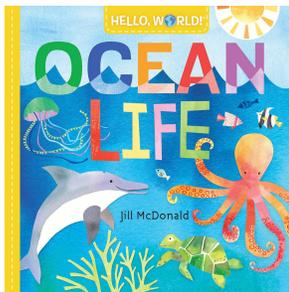
By Jill McDonald

Materials: internet access, website:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v93Nsw35YVk>

Preparation: Preview the video.

Instructions:

1. Watch the video with your child.
2. Ask questions about the video, ex: "How many arms does an octopus have?" "Where can we find seashells?" "What colors are they?"



Virtual Field Trip: Georgia Aquarium

Materials: internet access, website:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ioux65pohQ>

Preparation: Preview the video.

Instructions:

Attend field trip with your child(ren).



My Aquarium

Materials: construction paper, paint, markers and/or crayons, scissors

Instructions:

1. Discuss the virtual field trip to the aquarium with your child (what they saw, fish they would want, etc.).
2. Encourage your child to use their imagination and draw/paint what their aquarium would look like and what animals it would include.



Ocean Life Bag

Materials: zip lock bag, hair gel (blue), sea creatures, shells, confetti, masking or duct tape

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. After gathering supplies, fill bag with hair gel.
2. After adding hair gel, add confetti, shells and sea creatures.
3. Lay bag down flat and push air out by gently smoothing bag out. Make sure to seal securely with tape before giving to your toddler to play with.



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Virtual Field Trip: Ripley's Aquarium

Materials: internet access, website: https://www.ripleyaquariums.com/at-home/?utm_source=website&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=at_home_banner&utm_content=link

Preparation: Preview the website.

Instructions:

1. Scroll down and access some of the Live Streams.
2. Point out the different types, colors, and sizes of the fish and animals.



A Swim Through the Sea

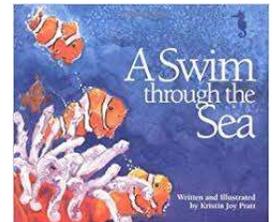
by Kristin Joy Pratt

Materials: internet access, website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OC3LR3nnZs>

Preparation: Preview the video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to this read aloud book with your child.
2. Ask questions related to the story, ex: "What sea animal had the same letter as your name?" "Can seahorses run like farmyard horses?"



Seashell Counting & Sorting

Materials: bag of seashells with various sizes

Preparation: none

Instructions:

1. Gather seashells into a pile.
2. Practice counting 1-10.
3. Practice sorting by size, patterns, smooth, or rough etc.



Ocean Sensory Bin

Materials: bin, water beads (or water with blue food coloring), ocean animals, seashells

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

Please monitor your toddler throughout this entire activity.

1. Pour beads into bin and add ocean animals, seashells, etc.
2. Play and discuss features of animals and the ocean.



Jelly Cam

Materials: internet access, website:

<https://www.vanaqua.org/visit/live-cams-jelly-cam>

Preparation: Google fun facts about jellyfish.

Instructions:

1. Watch the live jellyfish cam with your child.
2. Introduce jellyfish facts and talk about their characteristics.



Peanut Butter and Jelly Fish

by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

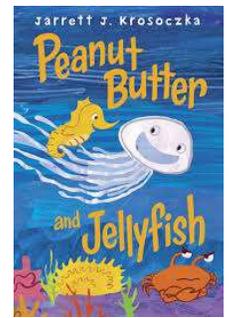
Materials: internet access, website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7BDqNa5mVk>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to this read aloud book with your child.
2. Ask questions related to the story, ex: "What type of animal was Peanut Butter?" "Why do you think crabby was so mean?"



Catching Jellyfish

Materials: paper bowl, crepe paper, yarn/string, paperclip, paint, scissors, tape

Preparation: Gather all materials.

Instructions:

1. Ask your child what jellyfish look like.
2. Paint/color the bowl and allow to dry.
3. Tape crepe paper strips to the inside of the bowl opening.
4. Poke a small hole in the middle of the bowl so that the string or yarn fits in it. Tie a knot in the string so that you can hang the jellyfish.



Spring Scavenger Hunt

Instructions:

1. Go outside.
2. Encourage and help your child find the following items: 2 Birds, 2 different shaped leaves, Clouds, Yellow flower, 2 bugs/insects



Star of the Sea: Day in the Life of a Starfish

by Janet Halfmann

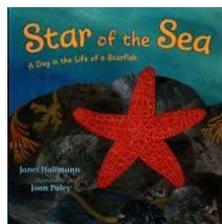
Materials: internet access, website:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pm_lC92NmSs

Preparation: Preview the video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to this read aloud book with your child.
2. Ask questions about the video, ex: "What body parts do we have that starfish do not?" "What meal was sea star searching for?" "What did you have today?"



Starfish Sponge Painting

Materials: sponges, scissors, paint (multiple colors), paper

Preparation: Cut 2-3 stars out of the sponges.

Instructions:

1. Dip the sponges into paint.
2. Allow children to dip sponges into paint and place on paper
3. Allow children to fill the page with Starfish.



Virtual Field Trip: Seattle Aquarium

Materials: internet access, website:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mY8_n13tKM&t=4s

Preparation: Preview the video.

Instructions:

1. Watch the field trip video with your child.
2. Ask questions related to the fieldtrip, ex: "What animals live in the ocean?" "Are sharks bigger than whales?"



Alphabet Yoga

Materials: internet access, website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0RUN0e3ZGY>

Preparation: Preview video.

Instructions:

Participate with your child in doing the yoga exercises.



Virtual Fieldtrip: Dolphin Show

Materials: internet access, website:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0sUZrQe7ogc>

Preparation: Preview the video.

Instructions:

1. Watch the Dolphin Show video with your child and ask questions, ex: "How many dolphins were in the show?" "Tell me your 3 favorite parts of the show?"



Hello Ocean

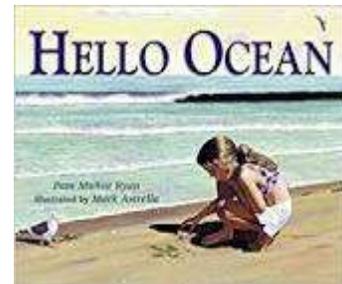
by Pam Munoz Ryan

Materials: internet access, website:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMBn3INUqyg>

Preparation: Preview the video.

Instructions:

1. Listen to this read aloud book with your child and ask questions, ex: "What can you use the sand to build?" "What are some of the colors at the ocean?"



Craft Dolphin Activity

Materials: paint (blue, gray, and white), paintbrush, construction paper

Preparation: Gather materials.

Instructions:

1. Continue the conversation about dolphins.
2. Paint your child's foot gray (body) and outline the side of the foot in white (stomach). *If your child requests to use other colors that is okay, allow them to be creative.
3. Add tail, fins, and eyes.
4. Have your child use the blue paint to create an ocean background.



Healthy Dolphin Snackin'

Materials: small cup, banana (halved), blueberries, grapes, (optional: fish crackers)

Preparation: Clean fruit.

Instructions:

Remember to wash hands before handling the snack ingredients.

1. Cut/split banana stem to make mouth and allow your child to place a fish cracker or blueberry in the "mouth."
2. Have your child place grapes and blueberries in the cup surrounding "dolphin."
3. Enjoy your dolphin in the ocean snack!

