



Under the Sea Takeout Storytime



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Greetings, Caregivers!
You are your child's first teacher. Help your little one get ready to learn how to read by talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing together. Have fun!

Talk

Non-fiction books introduce new vocabulary that may not come up in everyday conversation. Dive into discussing the ocean and its inhabitants with your child. Let your child take the lead as they develop their personal interests, feeding their curiosity with books that provide facts as well as beautiful illustrations.

Sing

A song can be a story! Take a familiar tune like "Row Row Row Your Boat" and turn it in to a story. Ask your child to describe what you will see as you row your boat.. "Past past past the bird, gently down the stream!" Making up new verses to a familiar song helps kids notice syllables.

Read

Babies and toddlers love sturdy board books. Look for books that include rhyming words, repetition, and bright, bold illustrations. Ask questions and invite your child to point at pictures on the page. Enjoy having a conversation about the book and don't worry about reading every word or even every page!

Write

Introduce young children to writing with finger paint! Make your own non-toxic finger paint to use in the bathtub and encourage your little one to trace shapes and letters. This recipe uses just flour, water, and food coloring!
tinyurl.com/DIYFingerpaint

Play

"Throughout life, imagination remains a key to emotional resilience and creativity."
-Stuart Brown, Play: How it Shapes the Brain, Opens the Imagination, and Invigorates the Soul

Support your child's innate imagination by inviting them to explore sensory materials like water, rice or beans, small toys and containers. The combination of props and tools will enthrall them for hours!



Books

Available to read on Hoopla!

Ocean
by Ricardo Henriques
hoopladigital.com/title/12141404

Number Find Ocean
by Charles Reasoner
hoopladigital.com/title/11582524

How To Spy On A Shark
by Lori Haskins Houran
hoopladigital.com/title/12295826

Secret Seahorse
by Stella Blackstone
hoopladigital.com/title/12648881

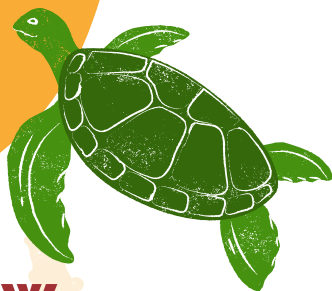
Octopus Escapes!
by Nathaniel Lachenmeyer &
Frank W. Dormer
hoopladigital.com/title/12239727

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Songs

Make up your own verses
with your child!



Row Row Row Your Boat

Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream

Bounce, twist, and wiggle your boat

Baby Beluga

By Raffi
Sing along with the whole song:
tinyurl.com/RaffiBeluga

Baby beluga in the deep blue sea
Swim so wild and you swim so free
Heaven above and the sea below
And a little white whale on the go!

Playtime

Explore the wonder of water
through play!



Virtual Early Literacy Class

Join ImaginELF's Becca and Ellie for an Under
The Sea-themed early literacy class on
YouTube: tinyurl.com/ImaginELF-Sea

Water Play

Kids love playing in water! Satisfy their need to
splash all year long by placing a plastic storage
bin or basin on a tarp or towel. Change it up by
adding various tools like funnels, measuring cups,
and strainers. Freeze small toys in ice cube trays
for your children to rescue!

Baby Shark

Baby shark, Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo Doo x3
Baby shark!

(shark jaws with thumb and pointer finger)

Mommy Shark

(shark jaws with two hands)

Daddy Shark

(shark jaws with both arms)

Grandma Shark

(shark jaws hinging from elbow, fingers curled to palms)

Grandpa Shark

(shark jaws with both arms, fingers curled to palms)

Let's go hunt

(shark fin on top of head)

Run away

(dog paddle arms)

Safe at last

(wipe sweat from brow)

It's the end

(wave goodbye)

One Little Red Fish

One little red fish

Swimming in the water

Swimming in the water

Swimming in the water

One little red fish

Swimming in the water

Bubble bubble bubble bubble POP!

Count up to five with different colored fish.



Watercolor Art

A watercolored ocean makes a lovely background for hand-
drawn ocean creatures or stickers! Try drawing sharks,
whales, and octopuses with a white crayon before adding
watercolor paint and watch your drawings magically appear.
Sprinkle salt on your wet paint for extra texture and fun.

Bright By Text

Interested in receiving text messages about free activities,
games, and events in the Flathead Valley? Text **406Parents**
to 274448. You will also receive child development,
language, early literacy, health, and safety tips, tailored to
your child's age.

Make a Puppet

Use a brown paper bag to create a sea
creature puppet. Your child can practice
their scissor skills by cutting strips of paper
and then gluing them to the bag for an
instant jellyfish or octopus!



Jim West Puppets