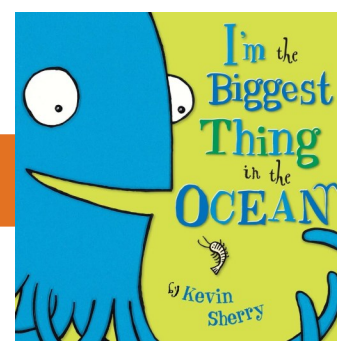
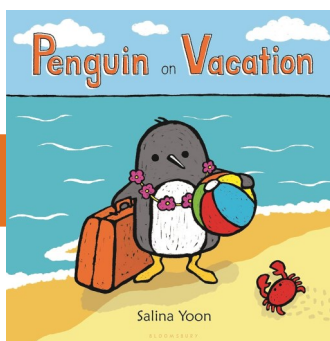
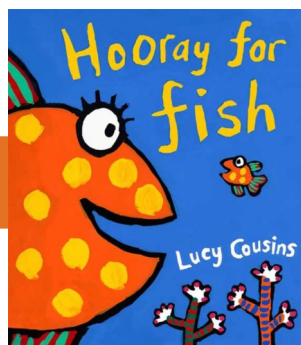


# TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



## tales' tip

Swap in different words to favorite songs. For example, **SING** "The wheels on the train go round and round" instead of "The wheels on the bus go round and round." This game can help children develop listening skills. Self-control and focus are both important skills for children to practice in order to succeed in school.

(NAEYC Message in a Backpack)

## activity

Play pretend that you are different animals that live in the ocean and on the beach. Can you act out the animals' movements and noises?

With preschoolers, you can make this into a guessing game. Take turns acting out a mystery animal that the other person has to guess.

## digital fun

### Fintastic Fish Maker

Splash and Bubbles on PBS Kids

<https://pbskids.org/splashandbubbles/games/fintastic-fish-maker>

## READ

### Chu's Day at the Beach

by Neil Gaiman

### Don't Worry, Little Crab

by Chris Haughton

### Ocean Animals from Head to

Tail by Stacey Roderick

### Pip and Posy: The New Friend

by Axel Scheffler

## PLAY

Play Beach at Home!

Fill a shallow tub or a baking dish with sand or water. Add bowls, spoons, and cups for scooping and pouring. Toys like plastic people or animals can be added for extra fun.

## TALK

Talk about your own experiences. Have you or your child been to the beach? Have you read a book or watched a movie about the ocean? Making connections to their own lives and to other stories helps build kids' understanding of the world.

## SING

### **The Waves on the Ocean**

(Tune: *The Wheels on the Bus*)

The waves on the ocean go up and down, up and down, up and down.

The waves on the ocean

go up and down,

All day long.

Verses: The shark... goes snap, snap, snap...

The octopus... goes swish, swish, swish...

The crab... goes pinch, pinch, pinch...

The fish... go swish, swish, swish...

The dolphins... swim round and round...

## WRITE

Encourage your child to draw a picture of a beach scene and tell you about it. Write the description or story they tell you on the paper (or on the back). This helps them understand that their words have value and can be shown in written form. Make sure they write their name on their picture!