

Messy Church @ Home No 13



Every Drop of Water Counts.

God created everything and every living creature counts.

Psalm 104 Verse 25 *NIV*

“There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small”.

Job 12 7 – 11 *The Message.*

7-12 “But ask the animals what they think—let them teach you;
let the birds tell you what’s going on.

Put your ear to the earth—learn the basics.

Listen—the fish in the ocean will tell you their stories.

Isn’t it clear that they all know and agree

that GOD is sovereign, that he holds all things in his hand—

Every living soul, yes,

every breathing creature?

Isn’t this all just common sense,

Mark 4:35-41 *The Voice (you can read the whole story if you want on the Web)*

Disciples *(to one another):* Who is this Jesus? How can it be that He has power over even the wind and the waves?

God created the whole world, and the oceans are teeming with life just like the land. “The Blue Planet” is the world’s new name because the world looks blue from space. Most of God’s world is under the sea. We need to remember that Job tells us to “listen to fish in the ocean and they will tell you their stories”.

1. Sing and Dance to: ‘Under the Sea’ by My little World of Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2gUQP-1C7A> Copy and paste and put into your search engine



or (please push the play button) Let’s start with this simple song which is a calypso and easy to dance to. It will help us think of some of the creatures in the seven oceans of our world. *(Answer to what are the seven oceans at the end of this session.)*

2. Thinking and Prayer Time

Everyone who wants to learn more about the pollution of God’s oceans before the prayer time, please watch:

“Why we need to stop plastic pollution in our oceans for good.” By Oceana



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yomf5pBN8dY> Copy and paste into your search engine or press the play button on the picture.

Make your own prayer after thinking about the video and looking at the pictures below. You could start....

All powerful Holy Spirit, who is everywhere, every ocean and beach are important to you.

We remember that all fish and creatures in the sea were created by you.

Spirit of the living water please

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..... Help us to protect the oceans and not destroy them. Amen



A Jersey Beach



A northern beach on Iona



Off Hartland Point Devon

3. Crafts

- **Messy Art - making a picture of an ocean.**



How to. Cut a large piece of lining paper approximately 45 cm long. Take a sponge and cut the sponge up into 6cm squares approximately. Then find the paints you want to use to paint an ocean. Pour them onto some plates and wet the sponges. Now, one colour at a time, stroke across the paper. Covering two thirds of the paper with blue paint. With the yellow paint on the sponge, stroke the paper to create the bottom of the ocean. With a brush paint some seaweed growing up from the bottom of the seabed. Put on one side to dry.



Why. The ocean is all part of God's creation. It is teeming with and full of different creatures like fish, sea snails and large whales. Among other things, like the plastic in the ocean, we need to think about how we can help with looking after the Coral Reefs which are changing. Many of the tropical fish that live in Coral Reefs are under threat. All of God's world is precious.

- **Oceans creatures quiz and colouring:**

				<p>All these pictures are PDF's found at the end of this session. There are question about the names on each of them.</p>
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How to. Print Sea Creatures one, two and three. Then print The Tropical Fish Pdf.

- Now fill in the missing letters on Sea Creatures 1,2,3
e.g. _E_ P__ = Seal Pup
- On the Tropical Fish PDF Do “Which fish matches the simplified Tropical Fish names?”
- The answers are at the bottom of this session.
- Now colour in all the Pictures
- Then cut them out.

Why. All the teeming creatures of the oceans are important to God. As Job says we need to listen to their stories, help them and learn from them. We don't want to pollute the sea creatures and ourselves with our rubbish.

- **Make you own Ocean art artwork**



How to. Take each cut out image and stick it onto your ocean pictures. Ask yourself where does the creature live: at the bottom or the top of the ocean?

Why. Now we have a picture that will remind us that God loves all his creatures He created in the world. WE need to Pass on his love to all the creatures in his world, **The Blue Planet.**

4. Sing along to song “A Hole at the bottom of the Sea” By Barefoot Books Singalong



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1Qn2bcZRT0> Copy and paste into your search engine or push the start Button.

Lots of you will know this fun song to remind us there are lots of different creatures in the ocean.

5. Prayer. Take a bowl of water and place it on a table.

- Stir the bowl of water and watch the swirl go around. Think of God and the oceans.
- Stir the bowl of water and watch it swirl around. Pray to God to fill us with love and appreciation of the oceans' environment and creatures in the sea.
- Stir the bowl of water and watch it swirl around. Ask for the Holy Spirit to give us ideas how to protect and preserve the oceans.
- Then pass the prayer on to another member of your family and ask them to do the same.

NB Did you know the oceans and water in a basin when draining go around in a different direction south of the equator?

Challenge of the week for those who like reading: go on the Ocean Day website and learn more about your oceans.

<https://unworldoceansday.org/page/home> Copy and paste into a search engine . There are lots of Resources to choose from for all ages and so much to learn.

I hope you will have time to have a meal together after this Messy Church @ Home session.

Messy Grace May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out your hands as if expecting a present) And the love of God (Put your hands on your heart) And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (Hold hands) be with us evermore. (Hands up in the air) Amen.



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Answers to questions.

Page one the seven oceans

Since the 19th century, the term has been taken to include seven oceanic bodies of water:

- The Arctic Ocean.
- The North Atlantic Ocean.
- The South Atlantic Ocean.
- The Indian Ocean.
- The North Pacific Ocean.
- The South Pacific Ocean.
- The Southern (or Antarctic) Ocean.

Can you find them on a picture of the World?

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Sea Creatures one, two and three.

S. C. 1, Jelly Fish , Seal Pup, Octopus, Sea Horse, Sea Snail.

S. C. 2. Turtle, Whale, Shark,

S. C. 3. Eel, Star Fish, Scallop, Dolphin.

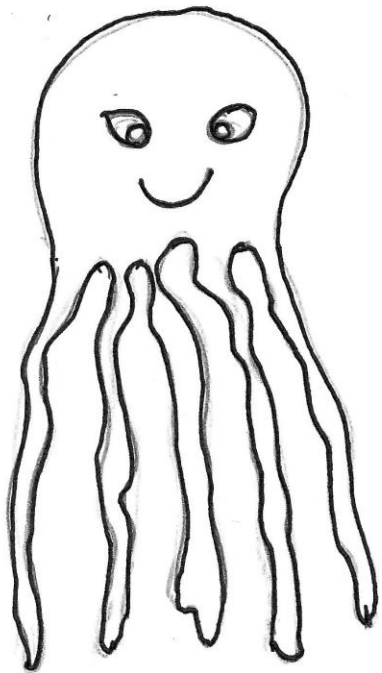
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The Tropical Fish

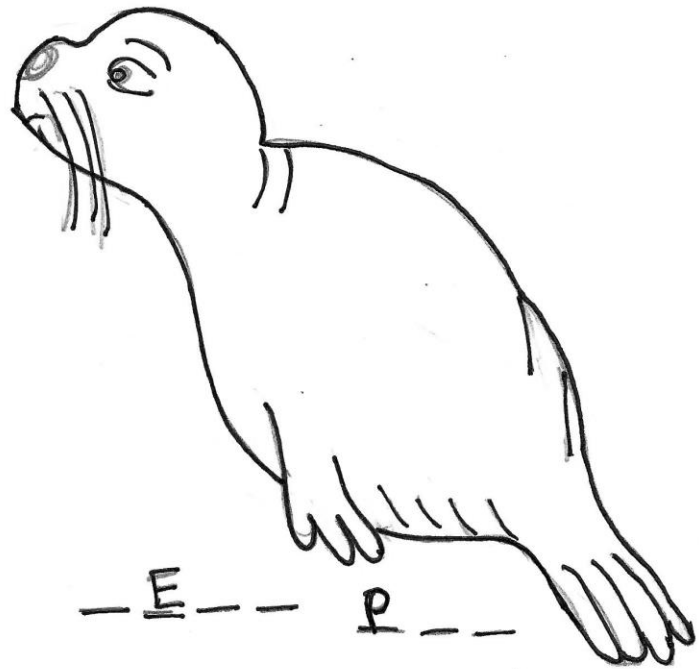
Answers to which fish matches which name

1 = C 2 = F 3 = A 4 = B 5 = D 6 = E

SEA CREATURES ONE



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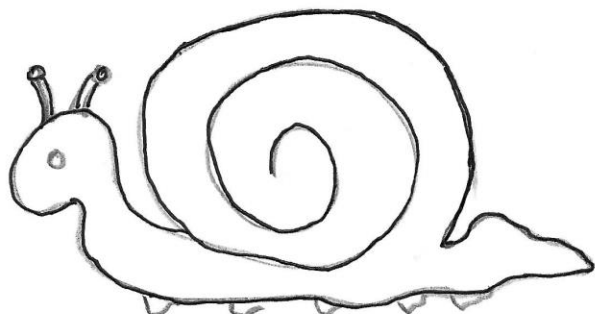
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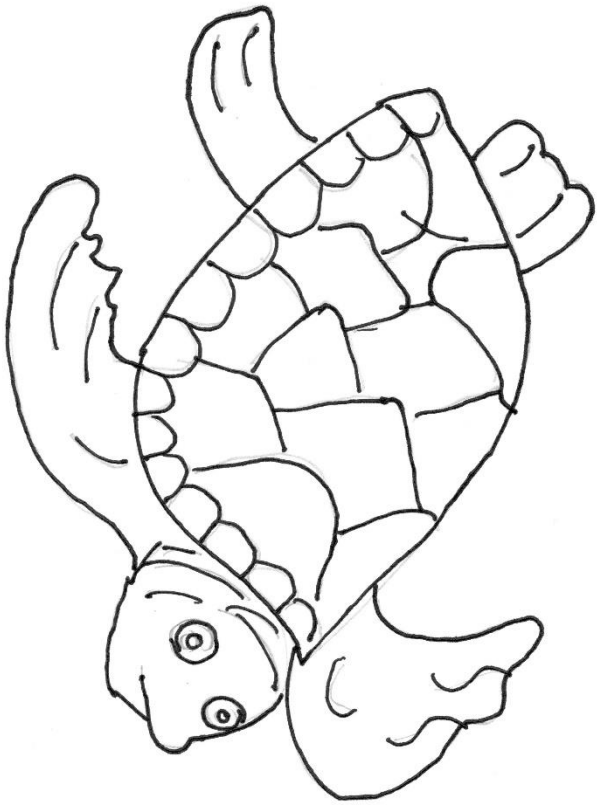


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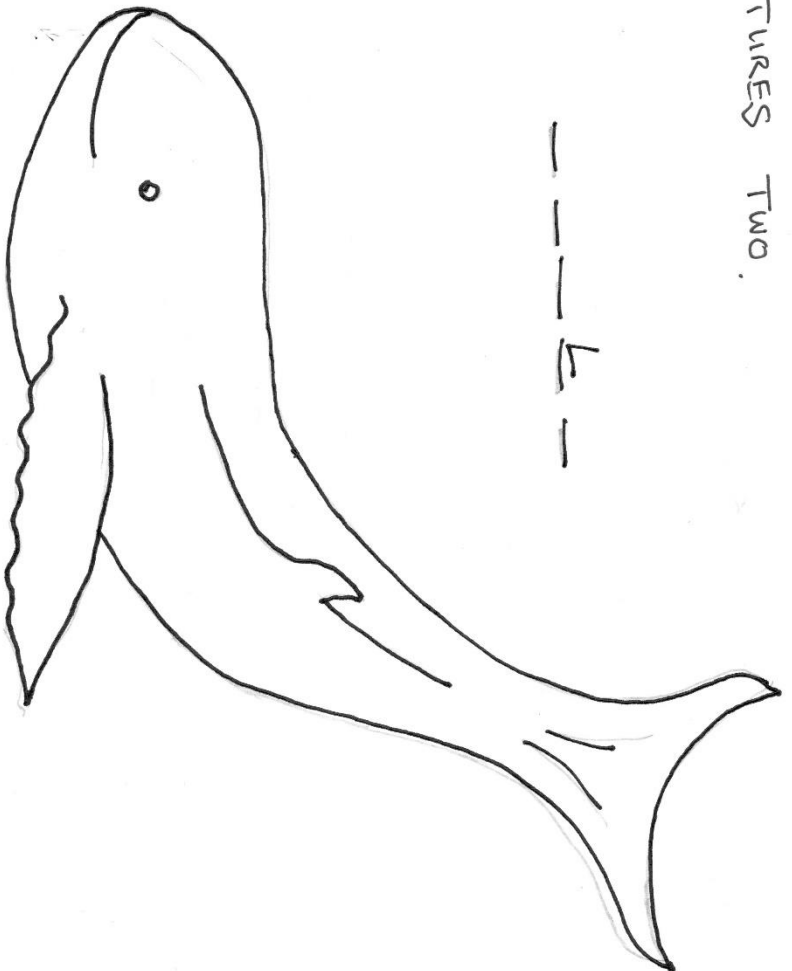


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SEA CREATURES TWO.



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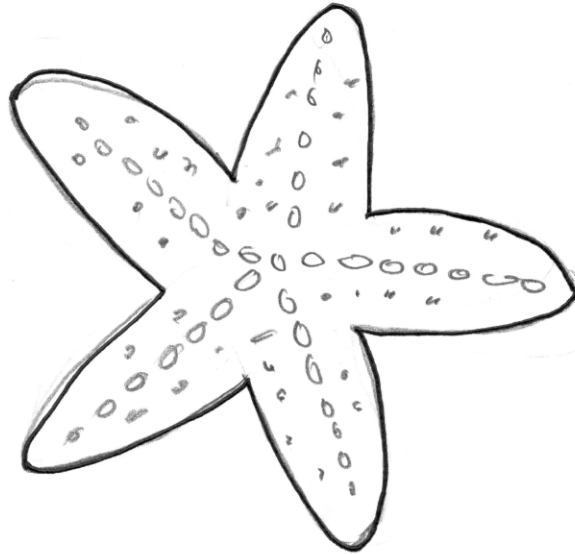
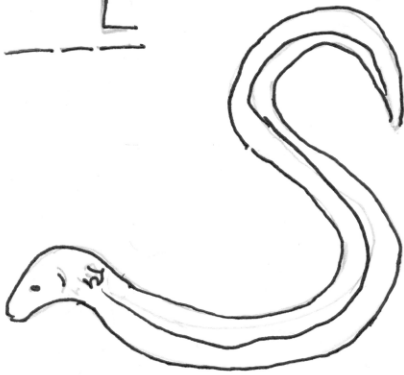
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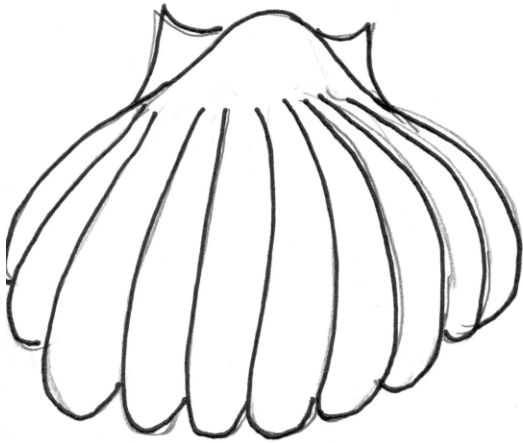
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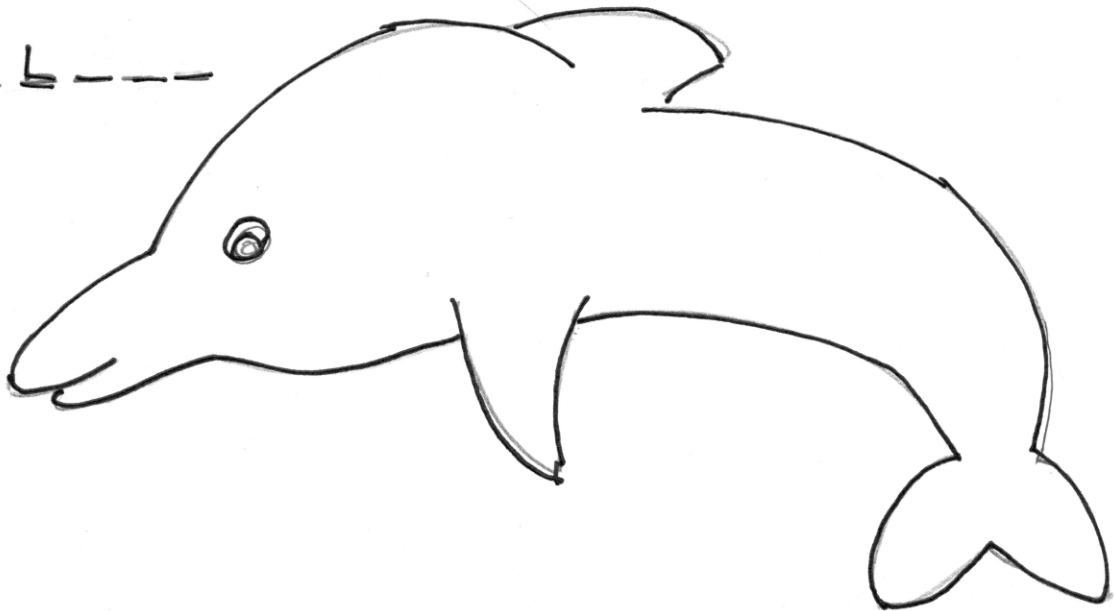
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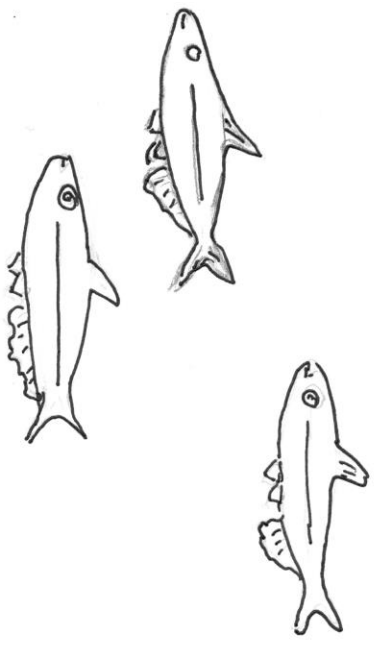
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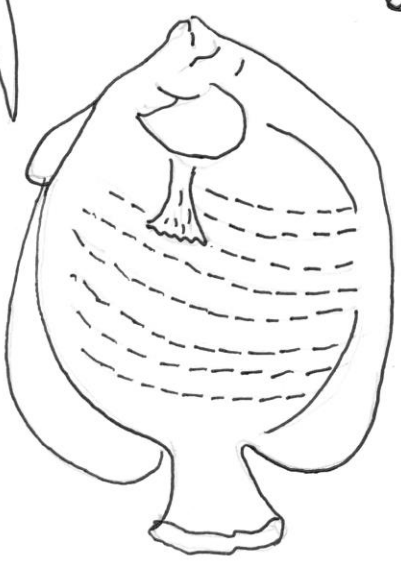
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TROPICAL FISH

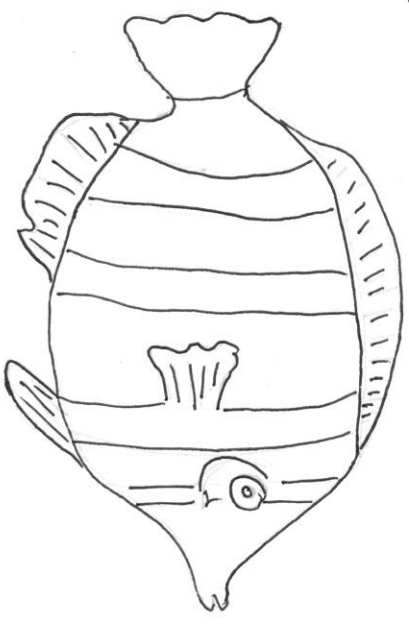
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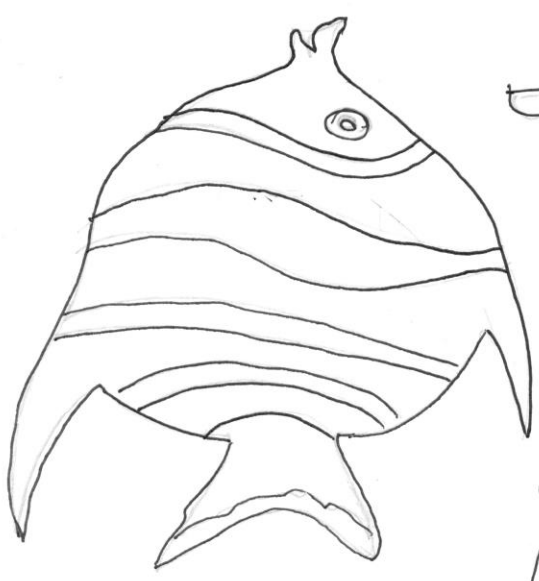
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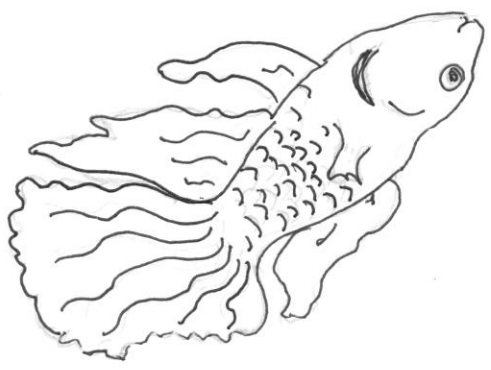
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F



Which fish matches the simplified Tropical Fish names?

1. Butterfly
2. Clownfish
3. Neon
4. Lunula (Raccoon)
5. Angel
6. Fighting

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