

Ocean Theme Relays!

(Creatures of the deep)

Lesson Idea:

Isn't it amazing to learn about creatures of the deep and they taught us that when you search for God not only will you find Him but that you will be amazed at just how great He is.

So today you are going to become the creatures of the deep. We are going to find some "WOW!" things in the Bible that Jesus did with water.

Jeremiah 29:13

¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Items needed:

Relay 1: Puffer fish Relay

- Bouncy Balls

Relay 2: Turtle Relay

- Washing Baskets with string attached to be worn as a backpack.
- Sponges

Relay 3: Octopus Relay

- Beach ball
- Bucket with message on the bottom
- Plastic balls

Relay 4: Blobfish water walk

- Zorb balls (these can be hired)

Relay 5: Blobfish puzzler Relay

- Picture cards
- Picture posters

Relay 6: Jelly fish Relay

- Hula hoops
- Numbered letter cards

Relay 7: Crab Relay

- Printed verses

Instructions:

Relay 1: Puffer fish Relay (Bouncy Ball relay)

The first child of each team is told the message ("WOW! *Jesus washed the disciples' feet*"). They then bounce on the bouncy ball to their friend on the other side and tell them the message. Play continues until everyone has had a turn. Team finished first, and who ALL know that Jesus washed the disciples' feet, is the winner.

Relay 2: Turtle Relay (washing basket and sponge relay)

Child has a "turtle shell" (i.e. upside down washing basket with string) balanced on their back and they carry a sponge balanced on the top.

A leader sits on the floor with a laminated heart and writes the word "sin" on it.

The child walks to the leader on all 4 and when the child arrives the leader says, "All have sinned".

The child replies "WOW! *Jesus came to wash away my sin*" and wipes out the word "sin" with the sponge before returning to the team.

The child passes the sponge and shell, and the next child goes. The leader rewrites the word sin on the page for the next child.

Relay 3: Octopus Relay (back to back with a beach ball)

Children stand back-to-back with a partner and place a beach ball in between them and run wobbling their arms and legs like an octopus. When they reach the bucket, they "fish" out 1 plastic ball each (octopus food) and run back to their team. Only once ALL the balls have been emptied from the bucket – the last "octopus" brings back



the bucket and turns it upside down for everyone to read the message. To finish the whole team must shout out the message "WOW! Jesus will make us fishers of men".

Relay 4: Blobfish water walk (Zorb balls saying "WOW! Jesus walked on water)

Children get into a giant Zorb ball and pretend they are walking on water. The children race from one side to the other and when they swop teammates they say "WOW! Jesus really did walk on water".

Relay 5: Blobfish puzzler Relay (Zorb balls carrying a small picture)

Children get into a giant Zorb ball race from one side to the other carrying a small picture card. Each time crossing off the picture that they carried from the poster. They continue until only 2 pictures are left – a bottle of water and glass of wine. The winning team is the first to work out that "WOW Jesus turned water into wine".

Relay 6: Jelly fish Relay (jelly fish hula hoops)

Children put on the jelly fish hula hoop and race to collect a card with a letter on it. When all the cards have been collected, they place them in numerical order and read what it says. "Wow! Jesus gives us living water".

**Relay 7: Crab Relay**

Children race on their hands and feet with bellies face up (like a crab). They carry the bible verse "*When you search for Jesus, you will find Him*" by balancing it on their bellies, passing it to the next player on their team.

Relay 8: Starfish Relay Children race doing cartwheels when they get to their other teammate they say "WOW! Jesus turns my world upside down" before the next person can go.

Media that we have used that you might find helpful:



The creature of the deep:

THE OCTOPUS

**THE BIG
WEEKEND**
— DIVING IN —



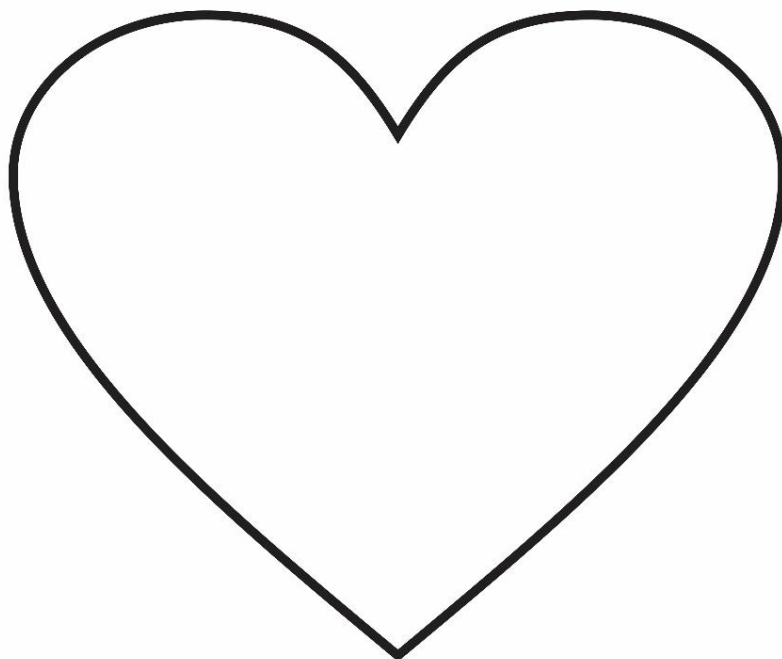
The creature of the deep: **THE TURTLE**

**Jesus came to
wash away my sin**

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All have sinned...



WOW! Jesus washed away my sins.

The creature of the deep: **THE BLOBFISH**

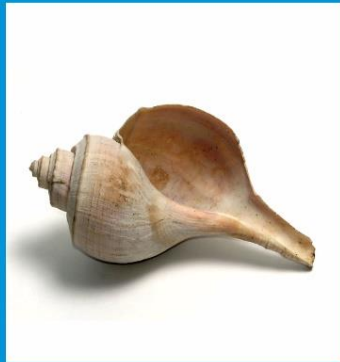
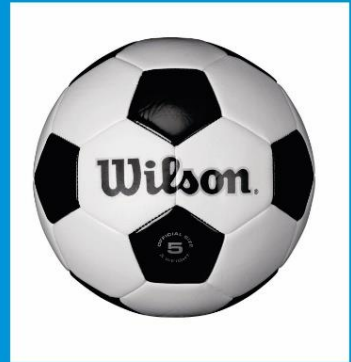
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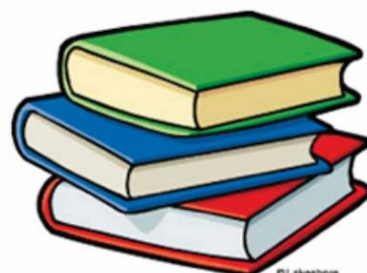


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— DIVING IN —









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The creature of the deep:
THE STARFISH

Jesus turns my world
upside down

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The creature of the deep:
THE JELLYFISH

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The creature of the deep: THE CRAB

**when you search for Jesus,
you will find Him**

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WEEKEND**
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**You will
seek me and
find me when
you seek me
with all your heart.**



Jeremiah 29:13

