

Story Time Kit #9: SEA CREATURES

Books:

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Activities:

- Song: The Waves in the Ocean
- Rhyme: I'm a Little Octopus
- Craft: Octopus Windsock
- Poem with Flannel Pieces: The Fish with the Deep Sea Smile
- Flannel Kit: Underwater scene with sea creatures

Additional book suggestions:

- *Mr. Seahorse* by Eric Carle
- *Fidgety Fish* by Ruth Galloway
- *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister (several books featuring this character)
- *The Pout-Pout Fish Far, Far from Home* by Deborah Diesen (and others featuring this character)

The Waves in the Ocean

(tune: The Wheels on the Bus)

The waves in the ocean go up and down,
up and down, up and down

The waves in the ocean go up and down,
all day long!

Additional verses:

The crabs go pinch, pinch, pinch,

The clams go open and shut

The lobsters go click, click, click

The sharks go snap, snap, snap

The fish go swim, swim, swim

The eels go slither, slither, slither

I'm a Little Octopus

Arm #1 goes swish, swish, swish

(swing arms back and forth)

Arm #2 helps me catch fish

(wiggle hand back and forth)

Arm #3 pats my head

(pat hand on head)

Arm #4 makes sure I'm fed

(put hand to mouth)

Arm #5 swims me to shore

(move arms in swimming motion)

Arm #6 touches the ocean floor

(touch hand to floor)

Arm #7 can grab and tug

(open and close hands)

But all eight arms give me a hug!

(cross arms and hug yourself)

Octopus Windsock Craft

(From First-School Preschool Activities and Crafts: <http://www.first-school.ws/activities/animals/ocean/octopuswindsock.htm>)

This craft offers the opportunity to practice scissor cutting skills, counting 1 to 8 and tracing dotted lines a pre-writing skill.

Print on white paper or directly on a light/pastel paper or construction paper.

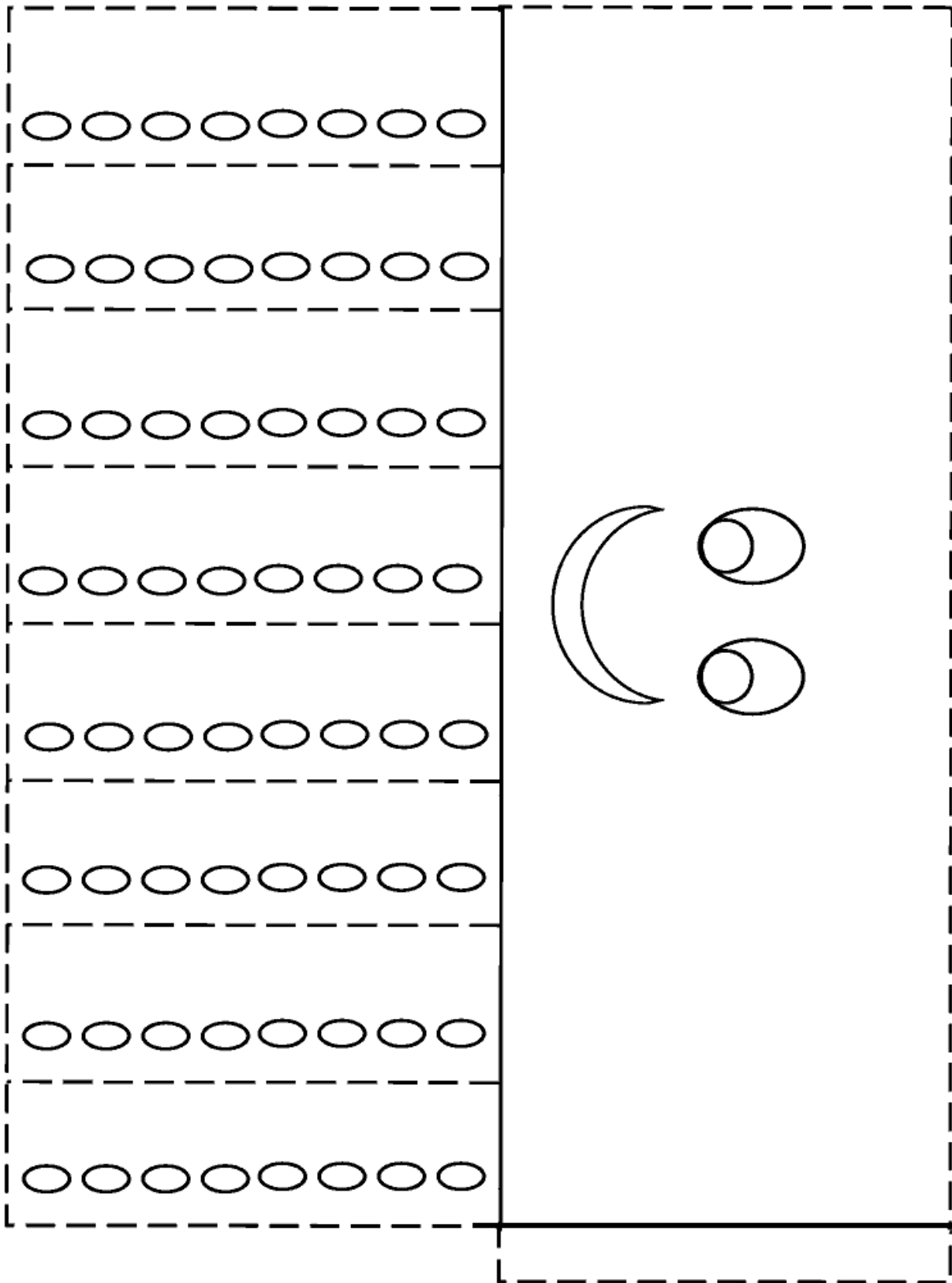
Tracing - Ask the children to trace with a crayon along the dotted lines first.

Counting 1 to 8 - The octopus is great to practice numbers one to eight because it has eight legs. Count the legs on the template. Count the eight suckers (ovals) on one of the legs.

Color/Paint and Decorate the Template - The children can color or paint the template. (Idea: Encourage the children to use the color orange that starts with the letter O for and Orange Octopus - use a variety of orange crayon shades or mix red and yellow to obtain different shades with paint.)

Scissor Cutting - Once the octopus is decorated, children can cut it out with preschool scissors. This is an easy project to start practicing cutting straight lines. Indicate to the children to cut just outside the straight dotted lines. (Use your discretion to do this type of activity and it should be supervised.)

Assemble the craft - Apply glue to the "lip strip" and glue to the inner side of the paper. You may add a handle with a piece of yarn or ribbon on the sides and tape in place.



Fish with a Deep Sea Smile

Based on Margaret Wise Brown story.

Can be used with flannel board pieces.

They fished and they fished way down in the sea,
Down in the sea a mile.

They fished among all the fish in the sea,
For the fish with the deep sea smile.

One fish came up from the deep of the sea,
From down in the sea a mile,
It had BLUE-GREEN EYES AND WHISKERS THREE,
But never a deep sea smile.

One fish came from the deep of the sea,
From down in the sea a mile,
With ELECTRIC LIGHTS up and down his tail
But never a deep sea smile.

They fished and they fished way down in the sea.
Down in the sea a mile.
They fished among all the fish in the sea,
For the fish with a deep sea smile.

One fish came up with TERRIBLE TEETH,
One fish with LONG STRONG JAWS,
One fish came up with LONG STALKED EYES,
One fish with TERRIBLE CLAWS.

They fished all through the ocean deep,
For many and many a mile.
And they caught a FISH WITH A LAUGHING EYE,
But none with a deep sea smile.

And then one day they got a pull,
From down in the sea a mile.
And when they pulled the fish into the boat,
HE SMILED A DEEP SEA SMILE.

And as he smiled the hook got free,
And then, what a deep sea smile!
He flipped his tail and swam away,
Down in the sea a mile.

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3 Objects:

- Storytime Kit Booklet
- Flannel Pieces: Fish with the Deep Sea Smile
- Flannel Pieces: Underwater scene with sea creatures