

Ocean & River Animals Lesson Plan

For Preschool & Kindergarten



Goal & Objectives

Goal:

1. Beginning understanding and appreciation of animals that live in the water.

Objectives:

1. Learn about various ocean, sea, and river animals.
2. Understand that water covers most of the earth.
3. Understand that God created water and animals.

Disclosure: Most of the links below are to free resources. Some of the links are affiliate links to [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), and I will receive a small commission if they are used to make a purchase. However, I only recommend products and companies that I believe will benefit my readers.

Notes

Below are ideas and links to materials, resources, and craft instructions for the “**Ocean & River Animals**” Lesson Plan. Please **pick and choose** the ideas and resources that fit the interests of your child(ren). Don’t worry if you don’t get to do everything you plan, preschoolers and kindergarteners learn a lot [just by playing!](#)

Lesson Plan

Arts & Crafts

- [Marine Life Mini Books](#) (Printable)
- [Creation Mini-Book](#) (Printable)
- [The Creation Felt Story Set](#) (Printable)
- [Jonah and the Whale Craft](#) (Printable)
- [Paper Plate Aquarium Craft](#)
- [Paper Plate Shark Craft](#)
- [Seashell Fish Craft](#)
- [Under the Sea Sticker Sheet](#) (Printable)
- [Plastic Bottle Submarine Bath Toy](#) (Printable)
- [Octopus Tube Craft](#) (Printable)
- [Macaroni Starfish Craft](#)
- [Sticker Encyclopedia: Ocean](#)
- Pages from [Preschool Color & Activity Book by Roger Priddy](#): Ocean, water animals themes *
- Craft pages from [Arts and Crafts with Amber Lamb](#) and/or [Child Art for 3s](#): Ocean, water animals themes *

Reading & Writing Exercises

- [Aquatic Life Handwriting/Coloring Sheets](#) (Printable)
- [Ocean Preschool Pack](#) (Printable)
- [Word Families Mini Books](#) (Printable)

Math

- [Crocodile Number Line](#) (Printable - my daughter loved this, and played with it until it fell apart!)
- [Fish Matching Game](#) (Printable)
- [Sea Life Matching Game](#) (Printable)
- [Shapes Mini Books](#) (Printable)
- [Ocean Preschool Pack](#) (Printable)
- Pages from [Numbers & Skills With Button Bear](#): Theme - Ocean, water animals *

Science Activities

- [Animal Habitats by National Geographic](#) (free, kid-friendly, interactive online animal and habitat images and information)
- [Ocean in a Bottle](#) (learn how different substances react with one another)
- [Ocean Preschool Pack](#) (Printable)
- [Make Your Own Bath Salts For Sensory Play](#)
- [Salt Water Science Activities](#) (several)

Field Trip Ideas

- Aquarium
- Pet Store
- Beach

Reading & History

- Bible: Creation ([Jesus Calling Bible Storybook](#): p 16 – 27)
- Bible: Creation ([Egermeier's Bible Story Book](#): p 11 – 16)
- Bible: Jonah and the Big Fish ([Jesus Calling Bible Storybook](#): p 114)
- Bible: Jonah ([Egermeier's Bible Story Book](#): p 291)
- [Very Last First Time by Jan Andrews](#)
- [Jonah and the Whale 2 in 1 Readalong Book & CD](#)
- [The Ocean Alphabet Book \(Jerry Pallotta's Alphabet Books\)](#)
- [Oceans: Dolphins, sharks, penguins, and more!](#)
- [Follow the Water from Brook to Ocean \(Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science 2\)](#)
- [DK Eyewitness Books: Ocean](#)
- [Life Cycles: River](#)
- [Citizens of the Sea: Wondrous Creatures From the Census of Marine Life](#)
- [Under the Sea Poster Book](#)
- [One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss](#)

*My schedule calls for combining this lesson with the **Winter Season Lesson**, and the **Daniel and Prophets Bible stories**. (These to be posted soon.) But of course you can use the plan however you like - I confess, we're a little off our schedule! For an introduction and to see how this post fits in my complete list of preschool lesson plans, please see my post: [Preschool Curriculum Ideas For Homeschool – Lesson Plans For The Year](#).*