

Ocean Activities for Thursday

On the Move

Deep Sea Laundry Fishing

Help your mom or dad with the laundry by “fishing” it from the floor.

Materials:

- Small towels, wash cloths or various clothing items
- A shallow plastic storage bin, laundry basket or large pillow/sofa cushion (boat)
- Plastic clothing hanger

Instructions:

1. Scatter towels or clothing items around the “boat”.
2. Have your toddler sit inside the plastic bin, laundry basket, or on top of the pillow/sofa cushion. This will act as their boat.
3. Provide your child with an upside-down plastic clothes hanger as their fishing hook.
4. Instruct your child to “go fishing” by hooking the clothing onto the hanger and place it in the basket with them or on their lap (without getting out of their “boat”)
5. Repeat the process until all the laundry has been picked up!

Adventures Online

Shape Voyage

Help Captain Elmo around the shapes as you learn their name.

<https://www.sesamestreet.org/games?id=267>

Help your child find something in the home that matches the shapes in the game.

Sensory Time

Beach Bin

Let’s spend a day at the beach.

Materials:

- Shallow plastic bin
- Sand
- Water
- Ocean animals/items
- Blue food coloring

Instructions:

1. Pour sand on one side of the bin
2. Mix water and a few drops of blue food coloring.
3. Carefully pour water on the other side (try not to let them mix too much)
4. Add plastic ocean animals/items
5. Show your toddler how to bury the toys in the sand and float them in the water.

Enjoy your day at the beach!

Story Time

Pick a Book!

Pick a book you have at home about ocean or sea creatures. Read it together during story time. Then sing this cute song to the "Wheels on the Bus" tune.

The sharks in the sea go chomp, chomp, chomp!
Chomp, chomp, chomp!
Chomp, chomp, chomp!
The sharks in the sea go chomp, chomp, chomp
All day long!

The fish in the sea go swim, swim, swim...

The lobsters in the sea go pinch, pinch, pinch...

The clam in the sea goes open and shut...

The sea horse in the sea rocks back and forth...

The octopus in the sea goes wiggle, wiggle, wiggle...

Arts and Creativity

Salt Art

What is salty, the ocean, and this fun art!

Materials:

- Squeezable glue, such as Elmer's
- Salt
- Cardstock or cardboard
- Salt
- Watercolors or food coloring (optional)

Instructions:

1. Show your child how to squeeze the glue on the cardboard. Let them take the lead and create their own unique designs.
2. Sprinkle salt onto the glue. Let the salt and glue dry, and then shake off the excess salt.
3. If using watercolors or food coloring, you can add once the salt dries with a brush or by carefully dripping the color onto the salt.
4. Talk to your child about the salt once the painting dries. Ask your child "How does the salt feel? Is it bumpy?"