

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will learn about different sea creatures, their habitats, and how we can help protect them.

Materials and Prep

Materials: Paper, crayons, markers, and a computer with internet access. Prep: Ensure a quiet space for learning and have the National Aquarium website open for reference.

Activities

- **Create Your Own Sea Creature:** Draw and color a sea creature that you would like to see at the National Aquarium.
- **Virtual Aquarium Tour:** Visit the National Aquarium website and explore the different exhibits and animals through their virtual tours.
- **Sea Creature Facts:** Choose a sea creature that interests you and research some fun facts about it. Share with your family what you learned.

Talking Points

- Sea creatures live in the ocean, which is their home. We need to take care of their home so they can be safe and happy. Remember, we must protect them.
- Each sea creature is special and unique. They come in different shapes, sizes, and colors, just like how we are all different from each other.
- Some sea creatures, like sharks and dolphins, are very fast swimmers. They use their fins and tails to move through the water quickly.
- Did you know that some sea creatures can change colors to hide from their predators? It's like having a superpower!
- Sea turtles are some of the oldest creatures on Earth. They have been swimming in the oceans for millions of years. Isn't that amazing?
- When we visit the National Aquarium, we can see all these incredible sea creatures up close and learn more about how we can help protect them. It's like going on a magical underwater adventure!