

## *The Whale in My Swimming Pool*

By Joyce Wan

### Books

*Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee* by Chris Van Dusen

*If You Want to See a Whale* by Julie Fogliano

*I Spy Under the Sea* by Edward Gibbs

*Whale Is Stuck* by Karen Hayles

*Breathe* by Scott Magoon

*Rainbow Fish and the Big Blue Whale* by Marcus Pfister

*I'm the Best Artist in the Ocean* by Kevin Sherry

*I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean* by Kevin Sherry

*Baby Beluga* by Raffi

*Big Fish Little Fish* by Ed Heck

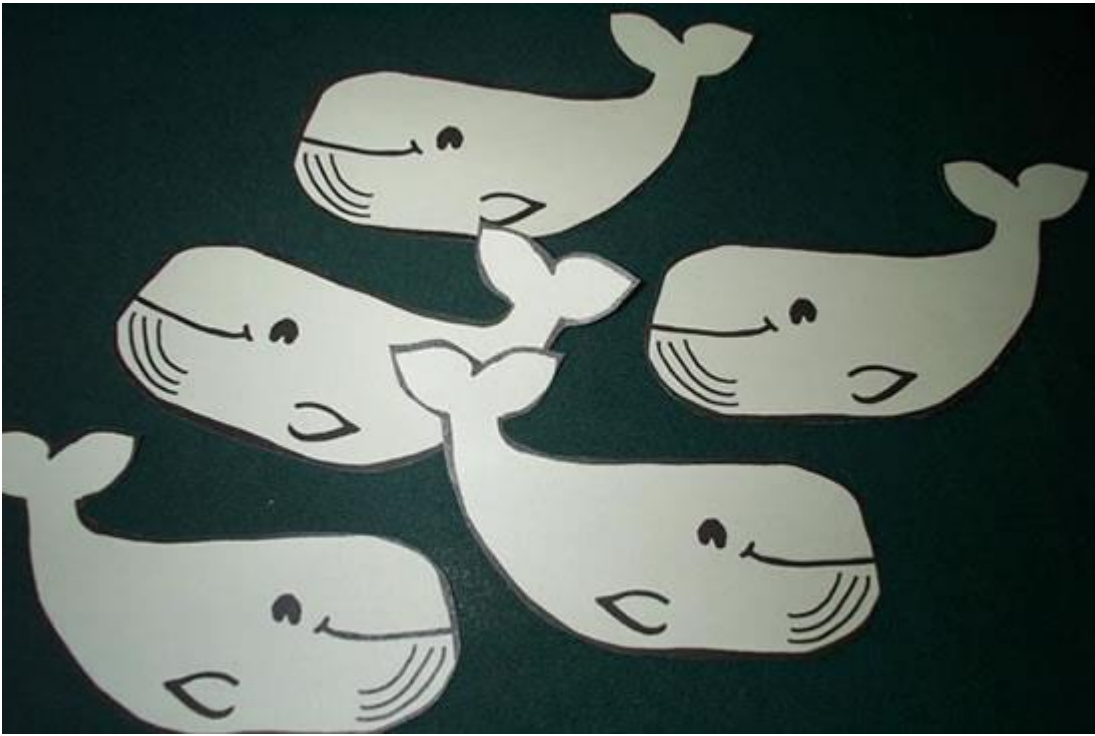
*The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson

### Flannel Board

Five Giant Whales

By Debbie Brightwell Brown

Place all five on the flannel board and take them off one at a time as you recite the rhyme



Five giant whales, swimming on the ocean floor,

One went to blow and then there were four.  
Four giant whales, swimming in the sea,

One saw a shark and then there were three.  
Three giant whales, swimming the ocean blue,

One dived to the bottom and then there were two.  
Two giant whales, swimming just for fun,

One got tired so then there was just one.  
One giant whale, swimming all alone,

He was very lonely, so he went home.

### **Fingerplays/Songs/ Rhymes**

#### **Rhymes and Songs:**

“Animals in the Sea,” (tune: “The Farmer In The Dell”)

The whales live in the sea.

The whales live in the sea.

Heighho,

watch them blow.

The whales live in the sea.

The crabs live in the sea.

The crabs live in the sea.

Heighho,

they scurry so.  
The crabs live in the sea.  
The octopus live in the sea.  
The octopus live in the sea.  
Heighho,  
they live in holes.  
The octopus live in the sea.  
The sharks live in the sea.  
The sharks live in the sea.  
Heighho,  
watch them go.  
The sharks live in the sea.  
The oysters live in the sea.  
The oysters live in the sea.  
Heighho,  
they burrow below.  
The oysters live in the sea.

**5 Little Whales** (To the tune of "Five Little Ducks")

5 little whales went out one day  
swimming through the ocean far away  
mother whale, mother whale sang her song  
but only 4 whales came back before long (continue counting down)

Sad mother whale went out one day  
swimming through the ocean far away  
mother whale, mother whale sang her song  
and all 5 whales came back before long!

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Did You Ever See a Fishy? (Tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?")  
Did you ever see a fishy, a fishy, a fishy  
Did you ever see a fishy, swim this way and that?  
Swim this way and that way, and that way and this way?  
Did you ever see a fishy, swim this way and that?  
*Credit: [Ocean Songs and Fingerplays](#)*

"Octopus's Garden" from Baby Beatles by Caspar Babypants  
"My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" from Laurie Berkner's Favorite Classic Kids' Songs by Laurie Berkner Band  
"Under the Sea" from Musical Scarves & Activities by Georgiana Stewart

## Activities and Crafts

### Whale craft

#### Sing song while holding whale

Hold your whale up, hold your whale down  
Hold your whale & turn around  
Hold your whale up, hold your whale down  
Put your whale on the ground.

Slippery Fish Fingerplay

<http://100storiesbeforeschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/copy-of-slippery-fish-and-whale-PDF.jpg>

Orca Whale Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ef86Q-Wp9As&feature=share>

Printable craft

[http://www.doodlesandjots.com/2014/05/01/whale-printable-and-book/?utm\\_source=feedly&utm\\_reader=feedly&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=whale-printable-and-book](http://www.doodlesandjots.com/2014/05/01/whale-printable-and-book/?utm_source=feedly&utm_reader=feedly&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=whale-printable-and-book)

Teachers Guide

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Whale Fingerplay

A whale is not as small as us (Shake head and finger)  
Most whales are bigger than a bus (Stretch arms out wide)  
A whale is not a fish in the sea (Shake head and finger)  
A whale breathes air like you and me. (Take a deep breath)  
A whale can't walk upon the ground (Shake head and finger)

A whale must swim to get around (Make a swimming motion)  
A whale is an mammal like you and me (nod head point to self and kids)  
But his home is in the deep blue sea. (make wave motion)

Rhyme: "Five Whales in the Bathtub"

One Whale in the bathtub

Going for a swim.

Knock, (Clap with Knock)

Splash, (Slap knees with Splash)

Come on in! (Motion with both hands to come in.)

Two Whales Whales in the bathtub... etc.

(Until...)

Five Whales Whales, Whales, Whales, Whales in the bathtub

Going for a swim.

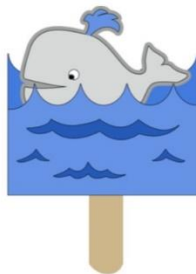
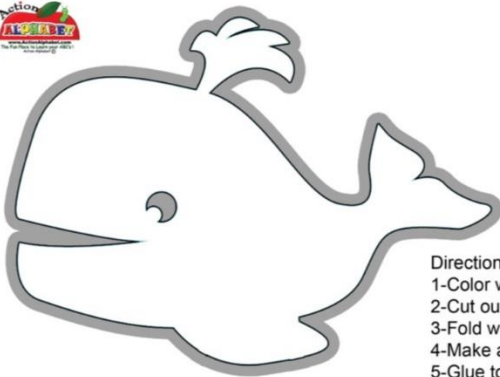
Knock, knock, Knock, knock, knock

Splash, splash, splash, splash, splash

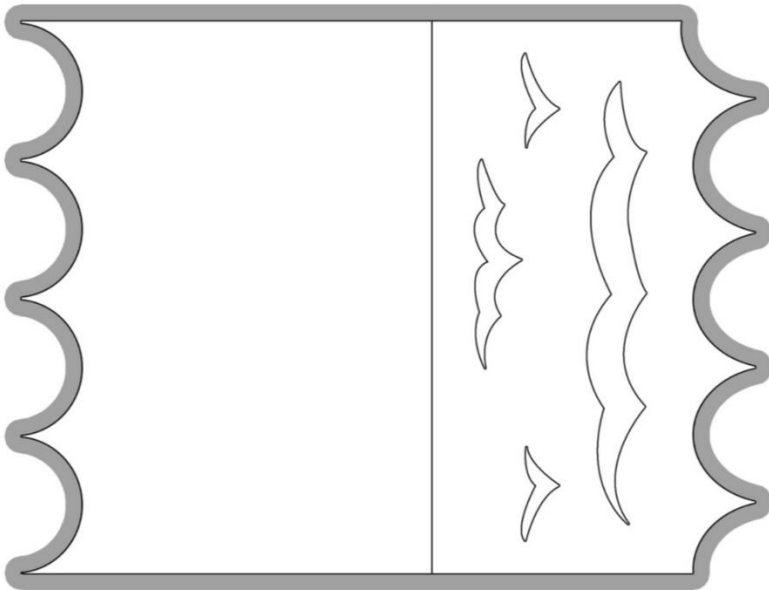
They all fell in!



Flannel Board pattern



- Directions:
- 1-Color whale & waves
  - 2-Cut out whale & waves
  - 3-Fold waves along line
  - 4-Make a small slit in middle of fold
  - 5-Glue tongue depressor to whale



Whale Craft (use card stock)