

## Lesson Introduction

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of creation God made all the creatures that live in the seas, lakes and rivers. What are some of those creatures?

Some of the creatures are so small you can't even see them. They float along in the water and are eaten by other sea creatures.

Some creatures swim in the water, while others live on the ocean floor. What are creatures that swim in the water? What are creatures that live on the ocean floor?

## Discussion Questions

Day 1: What did God create to live in water? How do fish move through the water?

Day 2: What shape are fish? Why do you think that is? What keeps fish from sinking in the water?

Day 3: How do fish get the oxygen they need to live? How is that different from land animals? What would happen to land animals if they tried to breathe under water? Why?

Day 4: Why aren't dolphins and whales fish even though they live in water? How do they breathe?

Day 5: What are some strange creatures that live in the sea? What makes them strange?

Day 6: What animals will you find in the sea? What animals won't you find in the sea?

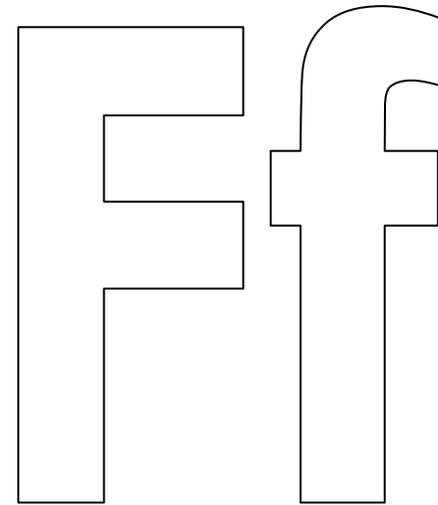
## Lesson Rhyme

F—F	Make sign of "F"
Fish	R hand touching back of L hand, wiggle L
Swimming	Move fish hands in waves
in the sea	
F—F—Fish	Same as above
Air they cannot	Move R hand parallel to body back and forth across face
Breathe	Blow air out of mouth



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# What swims in the sea?



F—F—Fish

Swimming in the sea

F—F—Fish

Air they cannot breathe

## Day 1

When God created water  
he decided fish would be  
And so we find fish living  
in rivers, lakes and sea.  
Through the water fish can swim  
as they swish their tail.  
Even some jump out of water  
and through the air can sail.

*Draw a picture of a fish swimming.*

## Day 6

Can you name other creatures,  
living in the seas?  
It has to be a living thing  
that through the water breathes.  
It might be an octopus,  
a lobster or a clam.  
But it's certain not to be  
a rabbit, bird or lamb.  
Sea creatures are unique,  
part of God's design.  
Each will only reproduce  
after its own kind.

*Draw a picture of another sea creature.*

Genesis 1:20: <sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky."

Psalms 107:23-24: <sup>23</sup> Others went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters. <sup>24</sup> They saw the works of the LORD, his wonderful deeds in the deep.

## Day 5

There are lots of other living things  
dwelling in the sea.  
God thought about them in his mind  
then caused them all to be.  
God is quite creative,  
some creatures are real strange.  
God made each the way he wanted;  
they will never change.

*Draw a picture of a strange sea creature.*

Psalm 146:5-6: <sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup> the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— the LORD, who remains faithful forever.

## Day 2

Fish like other animals  
have a bony spine.  
But fish can live in water  
because of their design.  
In water they can glide along,  
shaped somewhat like a boat.  
Inside a bladder full of air  
helps them stay afloat.

*Draw a picture of a fish skeleton.*

Genesis 1:21: <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

## Day 3

All living things need oxygen  
or surely there'd be death.  
Land animals have lungs,  
which let them take a breath.  
Fish instead have gills,  
which take the water in.  
From water God designed the gills  
to extract oxygen.

*Draw a picture of a fish and a land animal.*

## Day 4

Dolphins, whales and porpoises  
look a lot like fish.  
But they cannot breathe in water,  
even if they wish.  
They are really mammals,  
swimming in the sea,  
With their lungs they take in air;  
that's how they have to breathe.

*Draw a picture of a dolphin or whale.*

Psalm 104:24-25: <sup>24</sup> How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. <sup>25</sup> There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number— living things both large and small.

Psalm 148:7: <sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths.