

# Underwater

Stories to Read

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Arnosky, Jim. *Otters Underwater*. Putnam, 1992.  
 This book shows two young otters frolicking and feeding in a pond.

Craig, Janet. *What's Under the Ocean?* Troll, 1982. Brief text and pictures show the plants and animals that live in the ocean.

Kalan, Robert. *Blue Sea*. Greenwillow, 1979.  
 Progressively larger fish are chased by and escape from the biggest fish.

Martin, David. *The Fish Book*. Golden Press, 1964.

A very basic introduction to animals that live in and around the sea. The book has very large pictures.

Ruschak, Lynette. *One Hot Day*. Artists and Writers Guild, 1994. One hot day, the shiniest jungle bug hops by the largest gorilla, setting off a pop up chain reaction.

Wylie, Joanne. *Fishy Color Story*. Children's Press, 1983. A child introduces the colors while answering questions about a beautiful fish.

### Five Little Fishies

(Hold up five fingers. Start with thumb, and bend down fingers one at a time as rhyme progresses. Or, use the fish pattern to create a flannel board for this fingerplay.)

Five little fishes were swimming by the shore,  
 One took a dive and then there were four.  
 Four little fishes swimming out to sea,  
 One ate a worm and then there were three.  
 Three little fishes, said "Now what do we do?"  
 One swam away, and then there were two.  
 Two little fishes, having great fun,  
 One jumped into the air and then there was one.  
 One little fish, swimming in the sun,  
 He swam home and then there were none.

[Fingerplay]

### I'm a Little Fishy

(To the tune of "I'm a Little Teapot.")

I'm a little fishy, I can swim.  
 Here is my tail and here is my fin.  
 When I want to have fun with my friends,  
 I wiggle my tail and dive right in.

[Song]

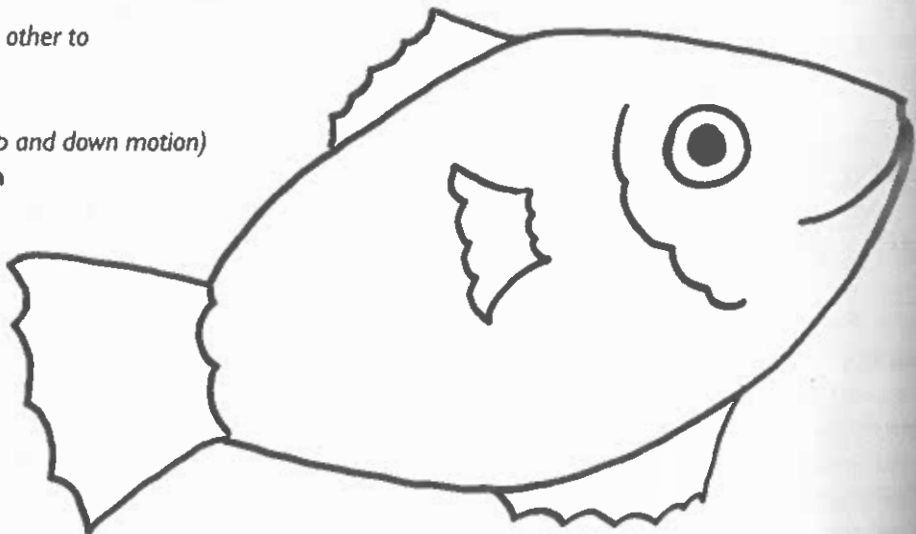
### Story Souvenir: Fish on a line

Photocopy the fish pattern onto green or blue paper and cut it out. Tape on end of a 6' piece of yarn to the backside of the fish near the mouth. Tie the other end of the yarn to a craft stick to create a fish on a line.

### Swimming

I hold my fingers like a fish  
 (place one hand on top of the other to form a fish shape)  
 And wave them as I go.  
 (move hands together in an up and down motion)  
 See them swim with a swish  
 Swiftly to and fro.

[Action Rhyme]



Toddle on Over : Developing Infant & Toddler Literature Programs. By Robin Works Davis, (1998). Alleyside Press : Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. p. 86.