

# Activity Sheet



## ***Commotion In the Ocean***

by Giles Andreae & David Wojtowycz

"There's a curious commotion, at the bottom of the ocean; I think we ought to go and take a look. You'll find every sort of creature, that lives beneath the sea; swimming through the pages of this book." This delightful collection of poems includes rhymes in its English version about the creatures who live in and around the ocean. Children will love the poems and colorful illustrations about whales, walruses, penguins, polar bears, stingrays, and sharks.

**Before you read this book:** Sing a song about fish such as "My Fishy Song" or "Slippery Fish."

"My Fishy Song" (sung to "The More We Get Together")

If I could be a fishy, a fishy, a fishy,

If I could be a fishy, what kind would I be?

A swordfish, a guppy, a goldfish, a molly,

If I could be a fishy, I would be a (child fills in the blank).

**While you read this book:** Supply children with pictures of the animals in the book to check off during the story. Have the kids act out the animals' movements (e.g., walk like a crab, crawl like a turtle).

**After you read this book:** Create an ocean in the room. Tape ribbon streamers to shower caps and hang them around the room to look like jellyfish. Have the kids decorate different types of fish to hang around room.

**Try this at home:** Create your own oxygen tanks using empty soda bottles taped together and duct tape for straps. Have your child decorate and personalize his or her tanks.

**Additional books by Giles Andreae:** Bustle in the Bushes, Rumble in the Jungle, Dinosaurs Galore!, and ABC Animal Jamboree.