

THE LITTLE YEARS

VOLUME THREE



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WELCOME TO THE LITTLE YEARS PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM: OCEAN ADVENTURES!

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THE BIBLE TELLS US, "THE SEA IS HIS, FOR HE MADE IT" (PSALM 95:5). AS WE EXPLORE THE OCEAN, WE'LL TAKE TIME TO THANK GOD FOR HIS BEAUTIFUL WORLD AND LEARN HOW WE CAN CARE FOR IT. THROUGH CRAFTS, SONGS, AND STORIES, WE'LL DISCOVER HOW EVEN THE SMALLEST CREATURES DECLARE GOD'S GLORY.

SO GRAB YOUR IMAGINATION, YOUR CRAYONS, AND YOUR SENSE OF ADVENTURE—IT'S TIME TO DIVE IN AND EXPLORE!

—OUR SWEETIE BIRDS' HOME



THE OCEAN'S BIG SURPRISE

THE OCEAN IS A MAGICAL PLACE,
WITH SPARKLING WAVES AND OPEN SPACE.
IT STRETCHES WIDE, SO DEEP AND BLUE,
FILLED WITH WONDERS JUST FOR YOU.

THE DOLPHINS LEAP, THE SEAGULLS SOAR,
THE CRABS SCUTTLE ALONG THE SHORE.
FISH THAT GLOW AND TURTLES GLIDE,
THE OCEAN'S SECRETS NEVER HIDE.

A STARFISH RESTS UPON THE SAND,
A SEASHELL WAITS IN YOUR SMALL HAND.
THE WAVES COME IN, THEY WHISPER NEAR,
A SOOTHING SONG FOR YOU TO HEAR.

GOD MADE IT ALL, THE BIG, THE SMALL,
THE CORAL REEFS, THE WATERFALLS.
AND AS YOU WATCH THE OCEAN'S SPRAY,
REMEMBER HIS LOVE, FRESH EVERY DAY.

SO LET'S EXPLORE AND DREAM AND SEE,
THE OCEAN'S FULL OF MYSTERY.
ADVENTURE WAITS BENEATH THE TIDE,
WITH GOD AS OUR GREAT CAPTAIN AND GUIDE!

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OCEAN DAYS OF THE WEEK SONG

(TO THE TUNE OF "TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR")

MONDAY'S WAVES ROLL SOFT AND SLOW,
WATCH THE DOLPHINS COME AND GO.

TUESDAY'S TURTLES SWIM WITH GRACE,
GLIDING THROUGH THEIR OCEAN SPACE.

DAYS OF THE WEEK BY THE SEA,
GOD MADE IT ALL FOR YOU AND ME!

WEDNESDAY BRINGS THE CRABS TO PLAY,
SCUTTling IN AND OUT ALL DAY.

THURSDAY'S FISH DART HERE AND THERE,
SHINY SCALES LIGHT UP THE AIR.

DAYS OF THE WEEK BY THE SEA,
GOD MADE IT ALL FOR YOU AND ME!

FRIDAY'S WHALES SING LOUD AND CLEAR,
SONGS FOR ALL THE WORLD TO HEAR.

SATURDAY, LET'S SPLASH AND RUN,
PLAYING IN THE GOLDEN SUN.

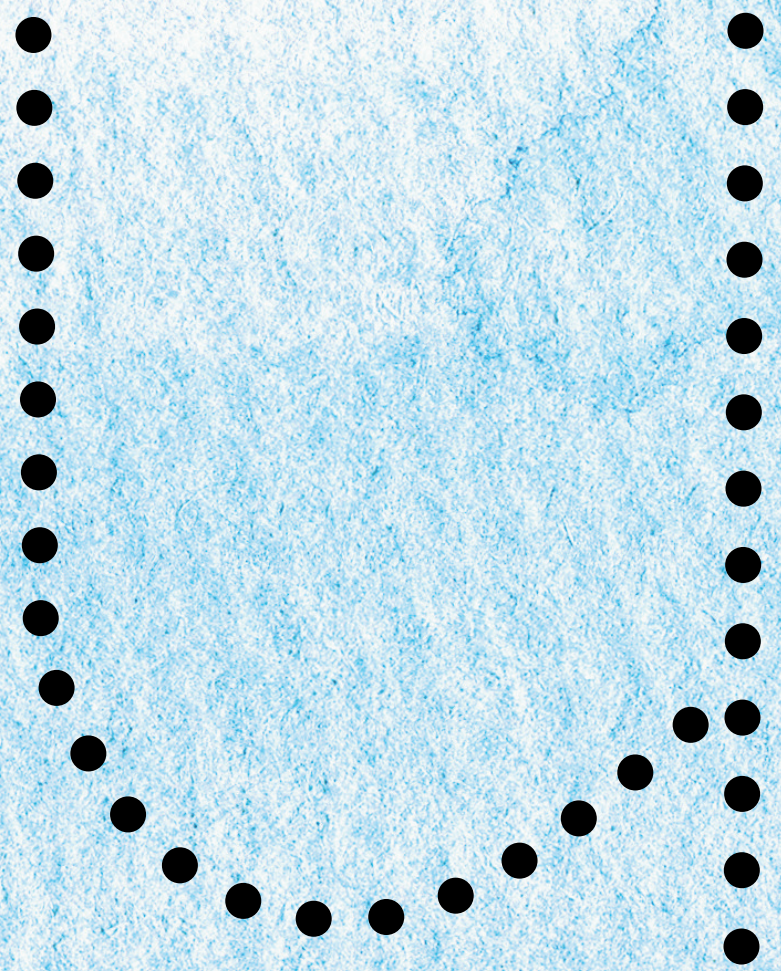
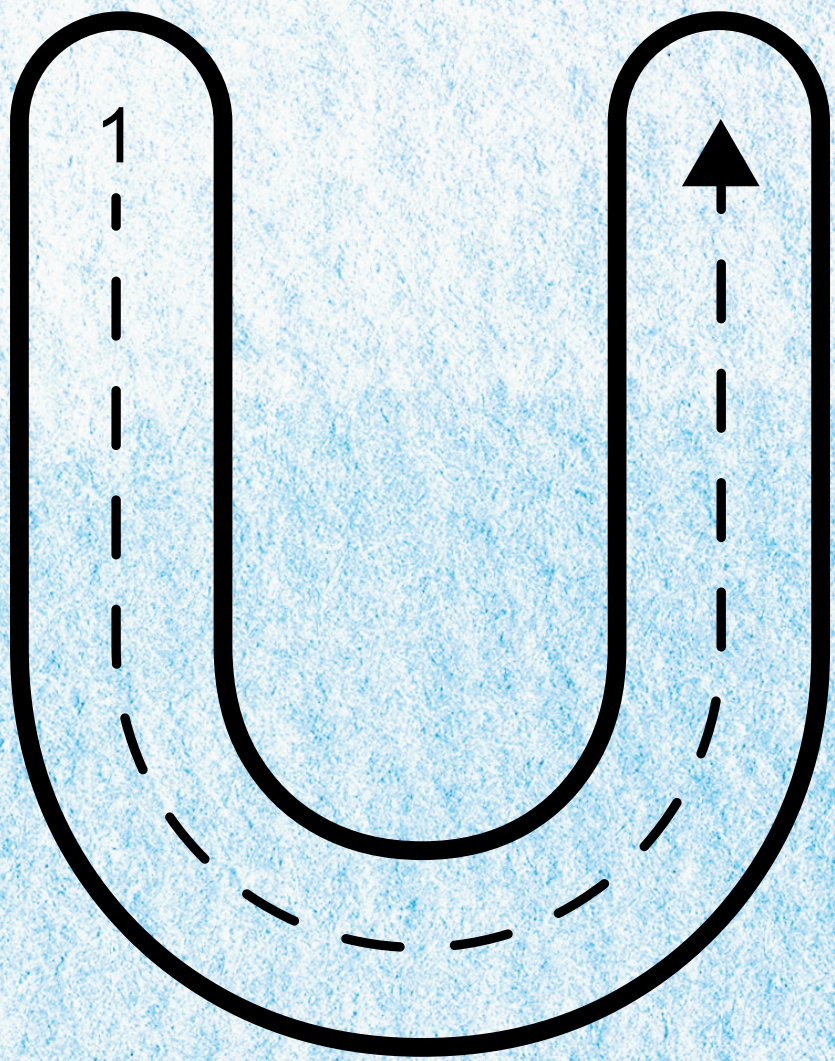
SUNDAY COMES, WE STOP AND SAY,
THANK YOU, GOD, FOR EVERY DAY!

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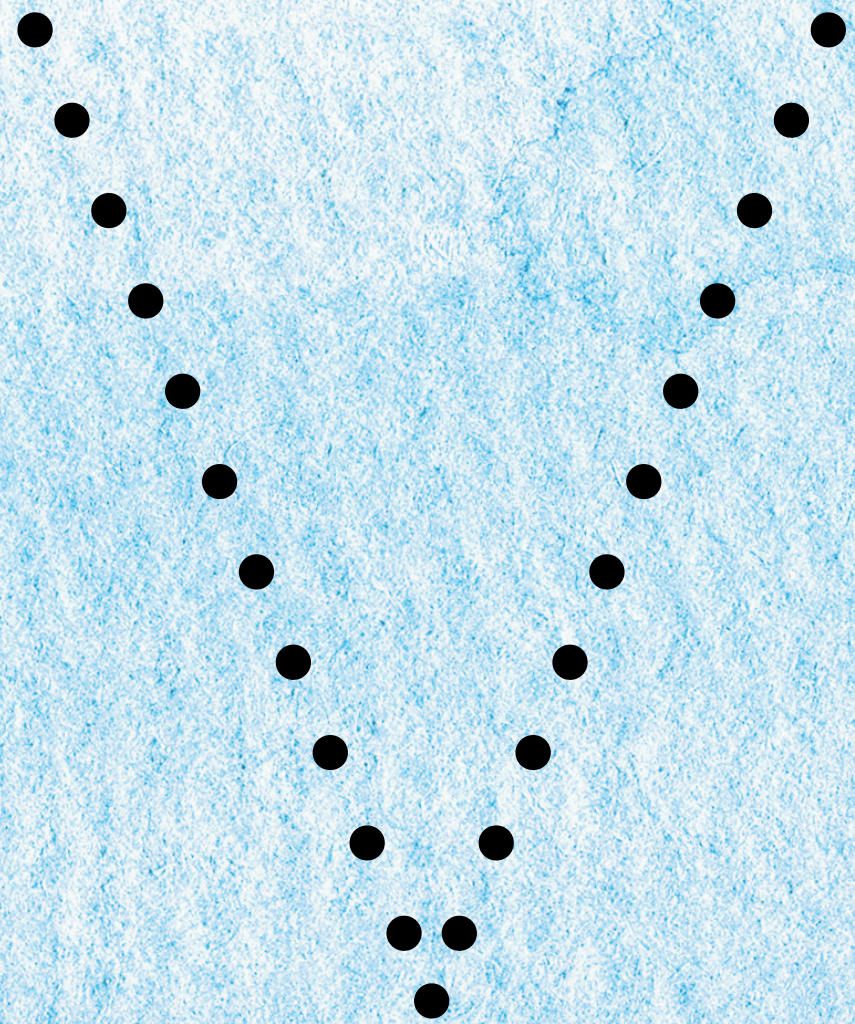
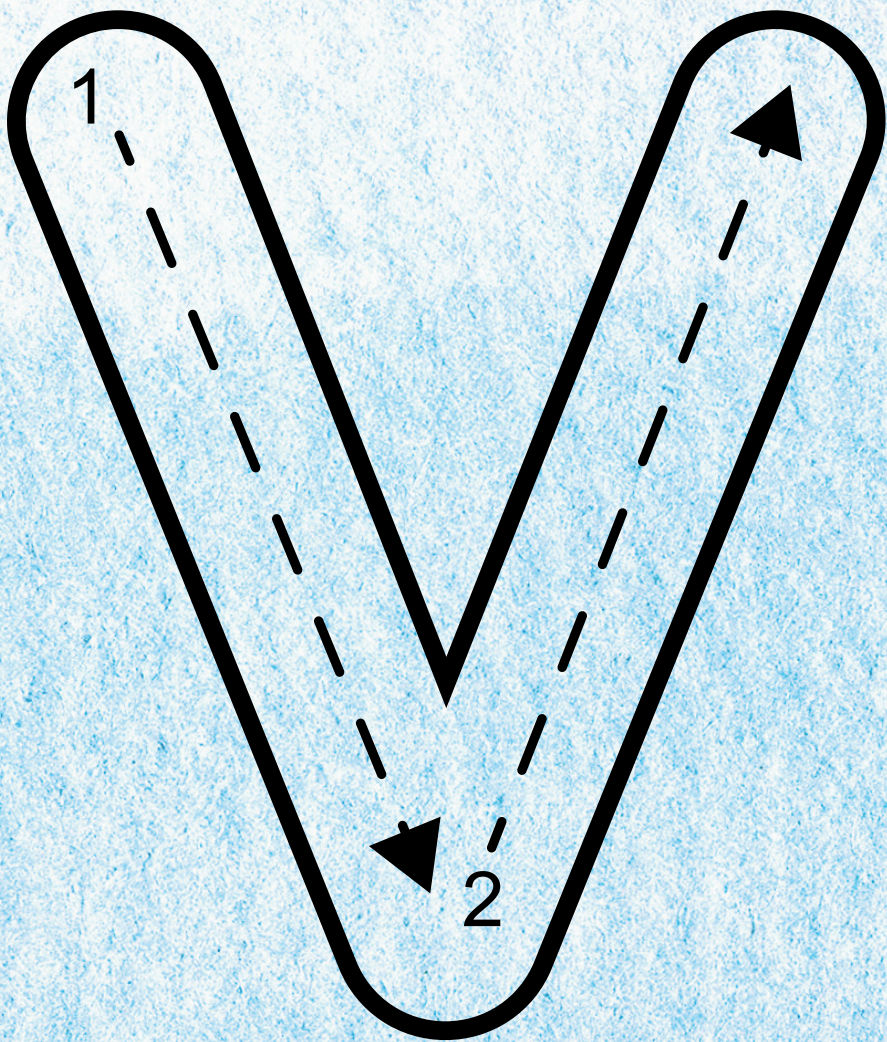
URCHIN

SEA URCHINS ARE LIKE LITTLE OCEAN PORCUPINES! THEY HAVE SPINY SHELLS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM PREDATORS, AND THEY USE TINY TUBE FEET TO MOVE AROUND. EVEN THOUGH THEY LOOK PRICKLY, THEY PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN KEEPING THE OCEAN CLEAN BY EATING ALGAE. PLUS, DID YOU KNOW THEY CAN LIVE FOR OVER 30 YEARS? SEA URCHINS ARE SUPER COOL OCEAN CLEANERS!



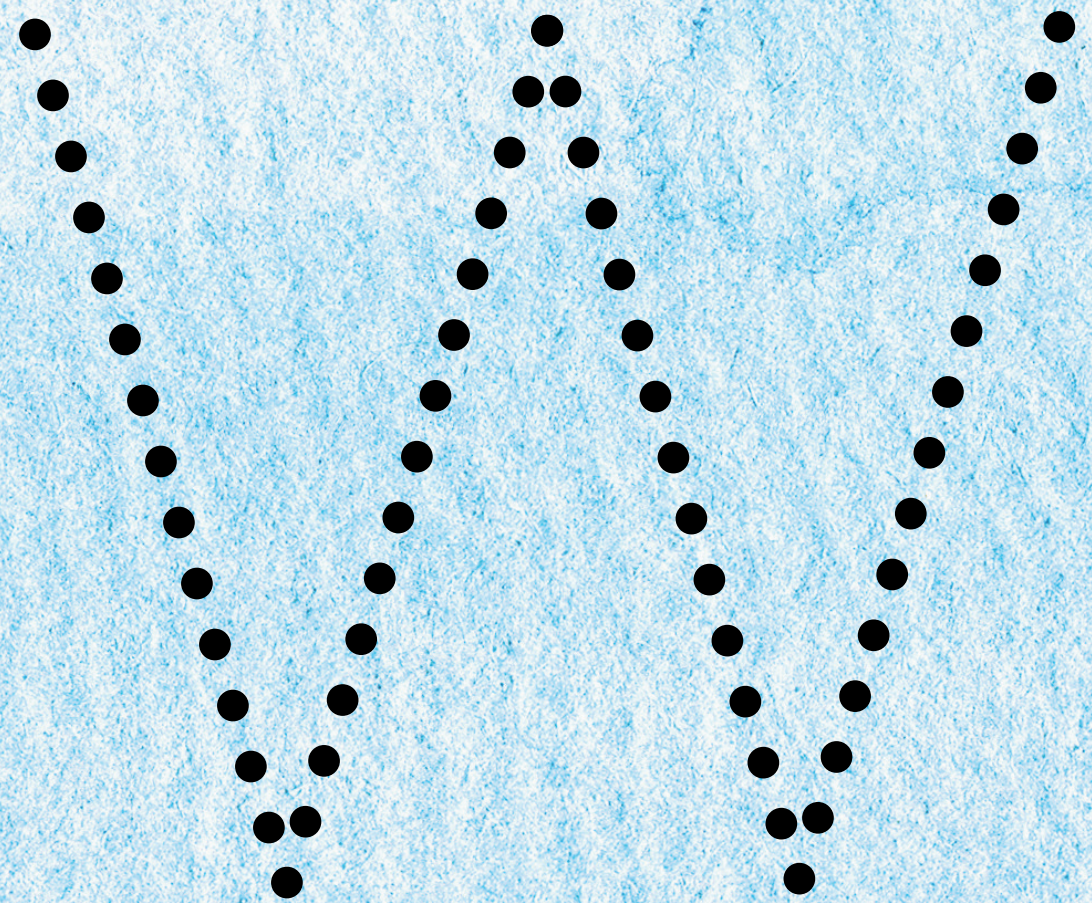
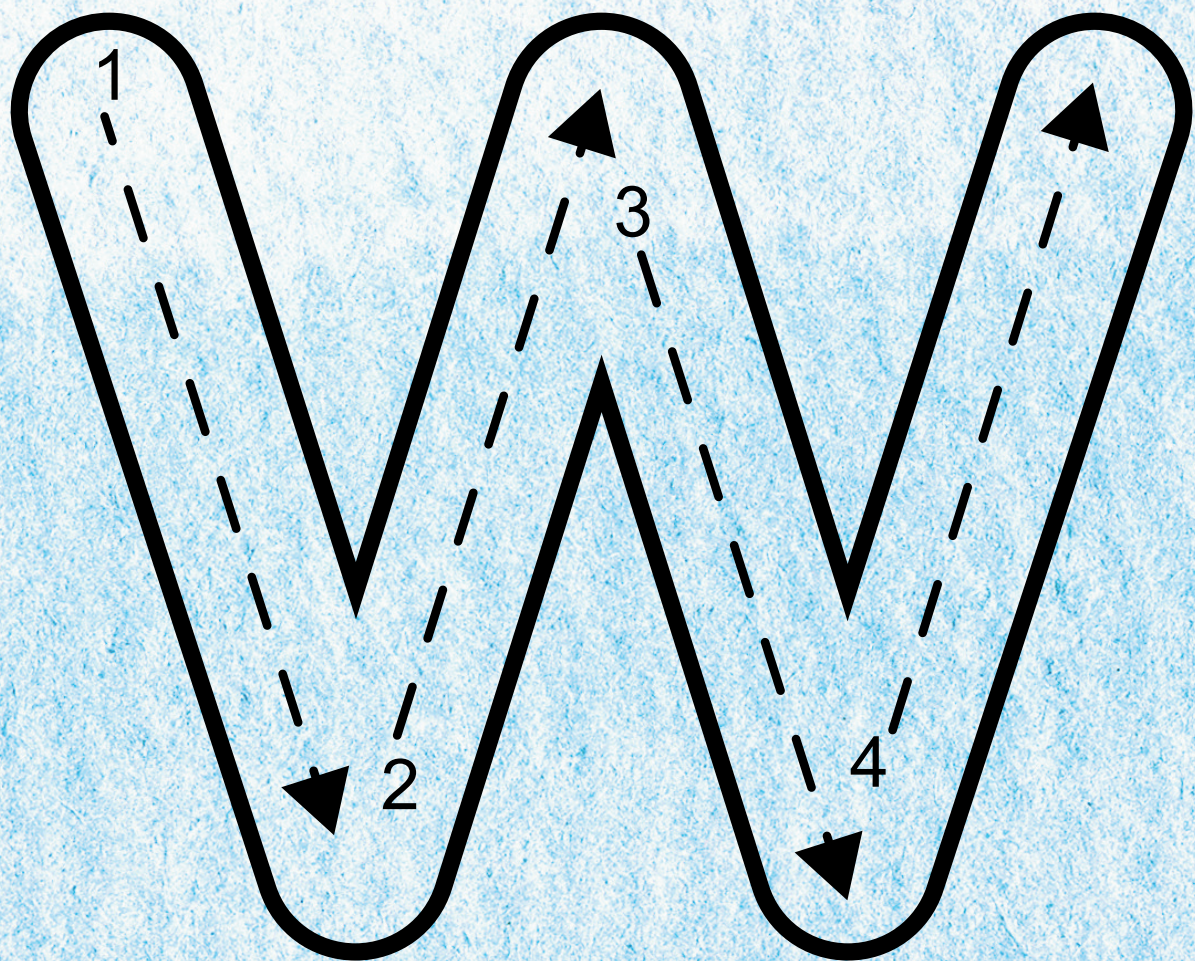
VOLCANO SPONGE

VOLCANO SPONGES ARE AMAZING OCEAN CREATURES SHAPED JUST LIKE MINI UNDERWATER VOLCANOES! THEY DON'T HAVE BRAINS OR HEARTS, BUT THEY'RE INCREDIBLE HELPERS FOR THE OCEAN. THESE SPONGES FILTER WATER THROUGH TINY HOLES IN THEIR BODIES, EATING TINY PLANKTON AND CLEANING THE WATER AS THEY GO. MANY SMALL SEA ANIMALS, LIKE SHRIMP AND LITTLE FISH, HIDE INSIDE SPONGES FOR SAFETY, MAKING THEM A COZY HOME. EVEN THOUGH THEY LOOK LIKE ROCKS, VOLCANO SPONGES ARE SOFT AND FLEXIBLE. THEY'RE IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF CORAL REEFS, KEEPING THE OCEAN HEALTHY AND FULL OF LIFE!



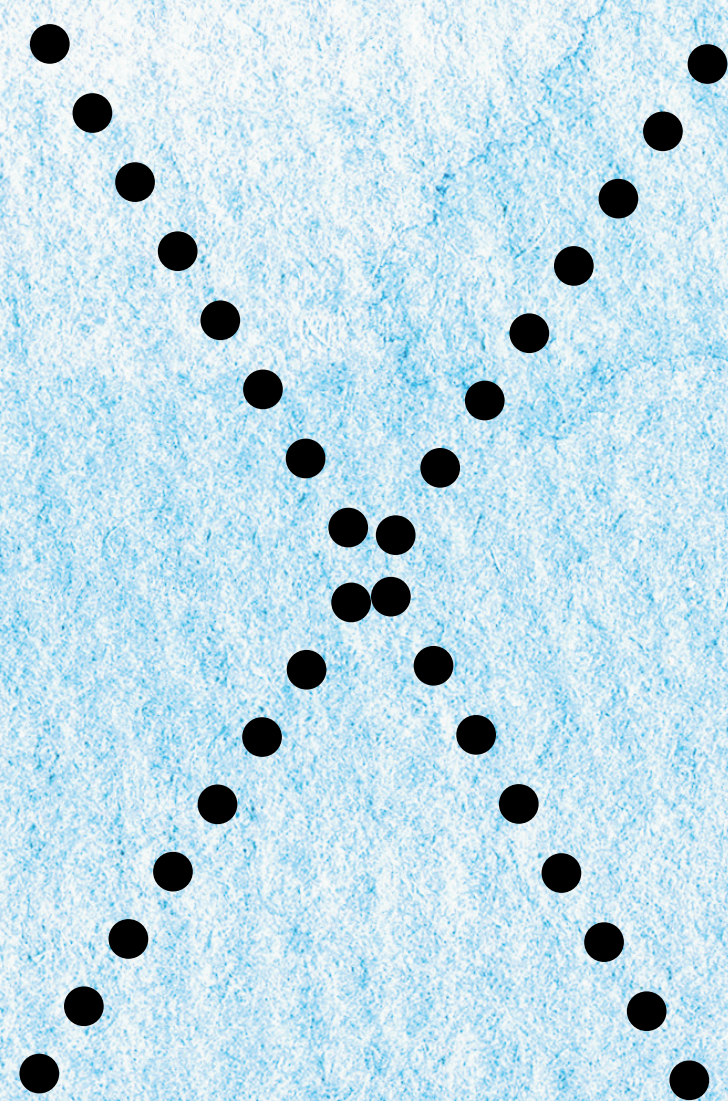
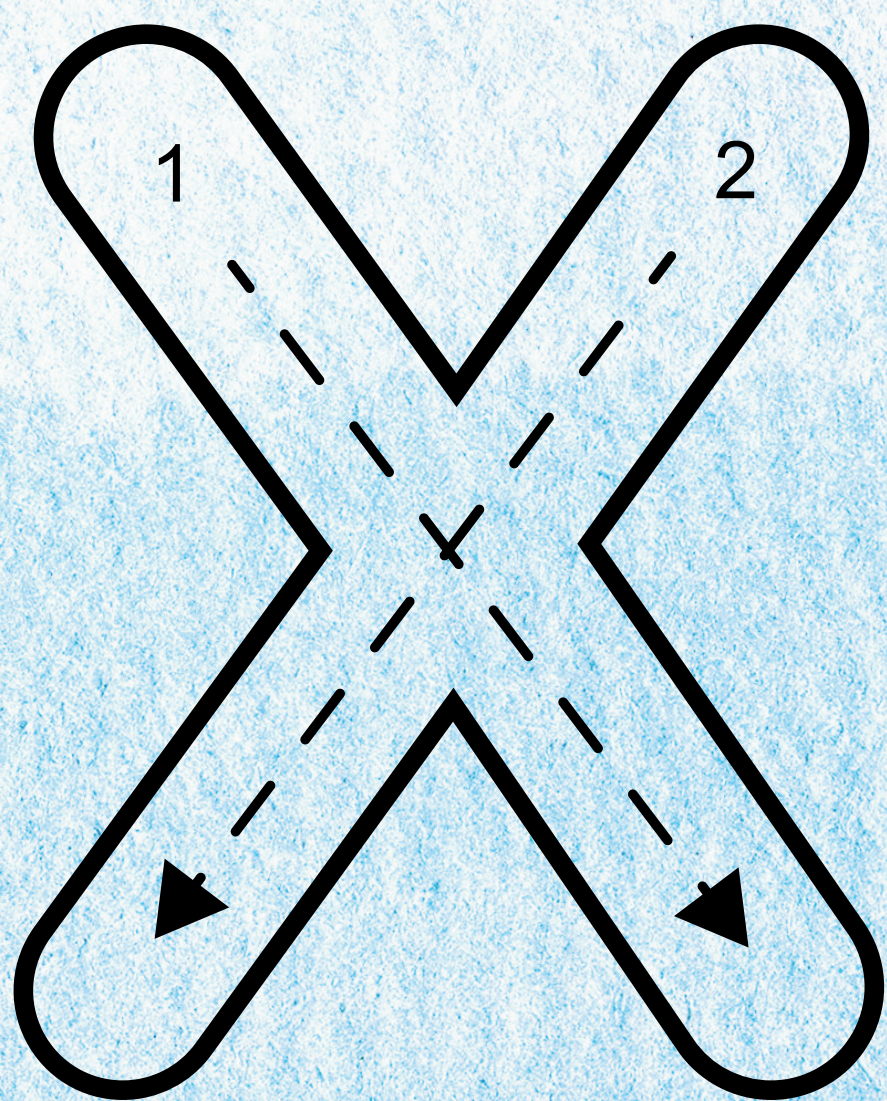
WHALES

WHALES ARE THE BIGGEST ANIMALS IN THE OCEAN, AND SOME ARE EVEN BIGGER THAN A SCHOOL BUS! THEY ARE MAMMALS, WHICH MEANS THEY BREATHE AIR, HAVE WARM BLOOD, AND TAKE CARE OF THEIR BABIES. SOME WHALES, LIKE THE HUMPBACK, SING BEAUTIFUL SONGS, WHILE OTHERS, LIKE THE BLUE WHALE, CAN BE AS LONG AS 100 FEET! WHALES LOVE TO SWIM, JUMP, AND SPLASH IN THE WATER, AND THEY EAT TINY SEA CREATURES LIKE KRILL OR BIG FISH, DEPENDING ON THE KIND OF WHALE. EVEN THOUGH THEY LIVE IN THE OCEAN, THEY HAVE TO COME UP TO THE SURFACE TO BREATHE THROUGH A BLOWHOLE ON TOP OF THEIR HEADS. WHALES ARE AMAZING AND HELP KEEP THE OCEAN HEALTHY!



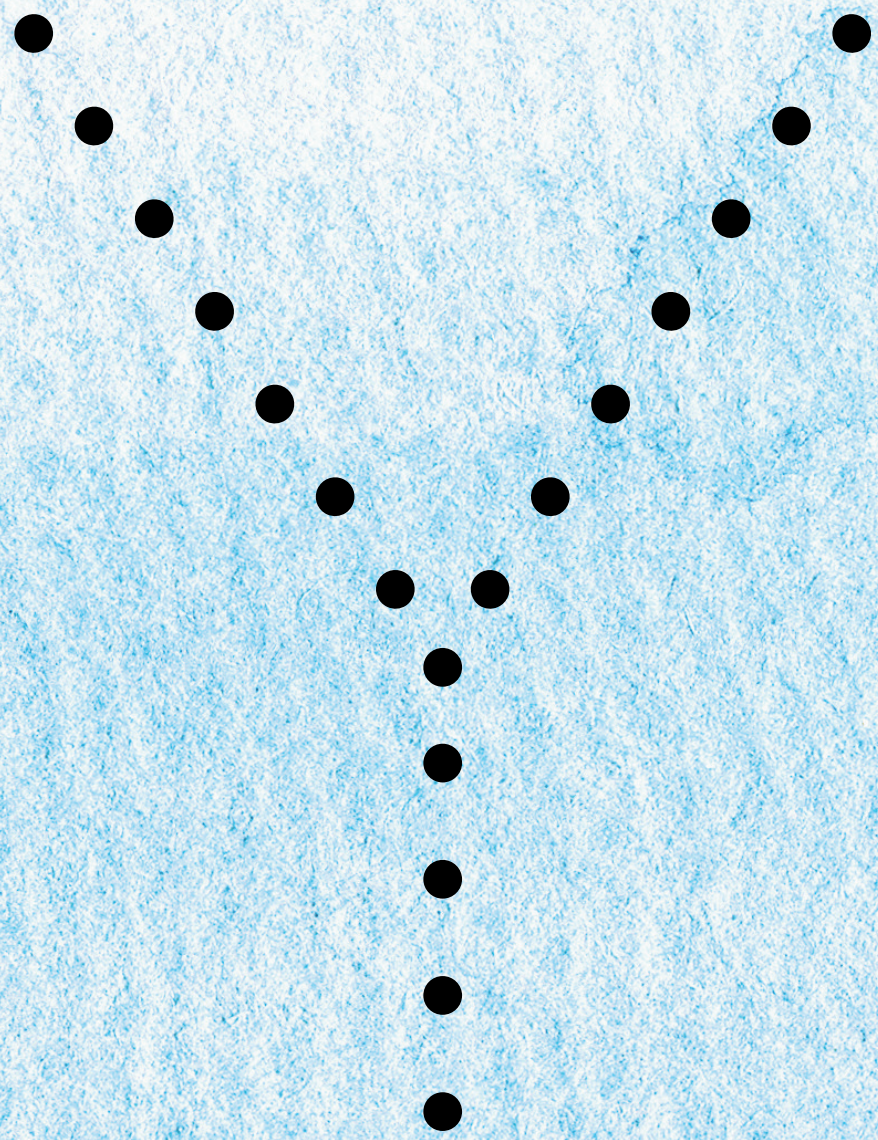
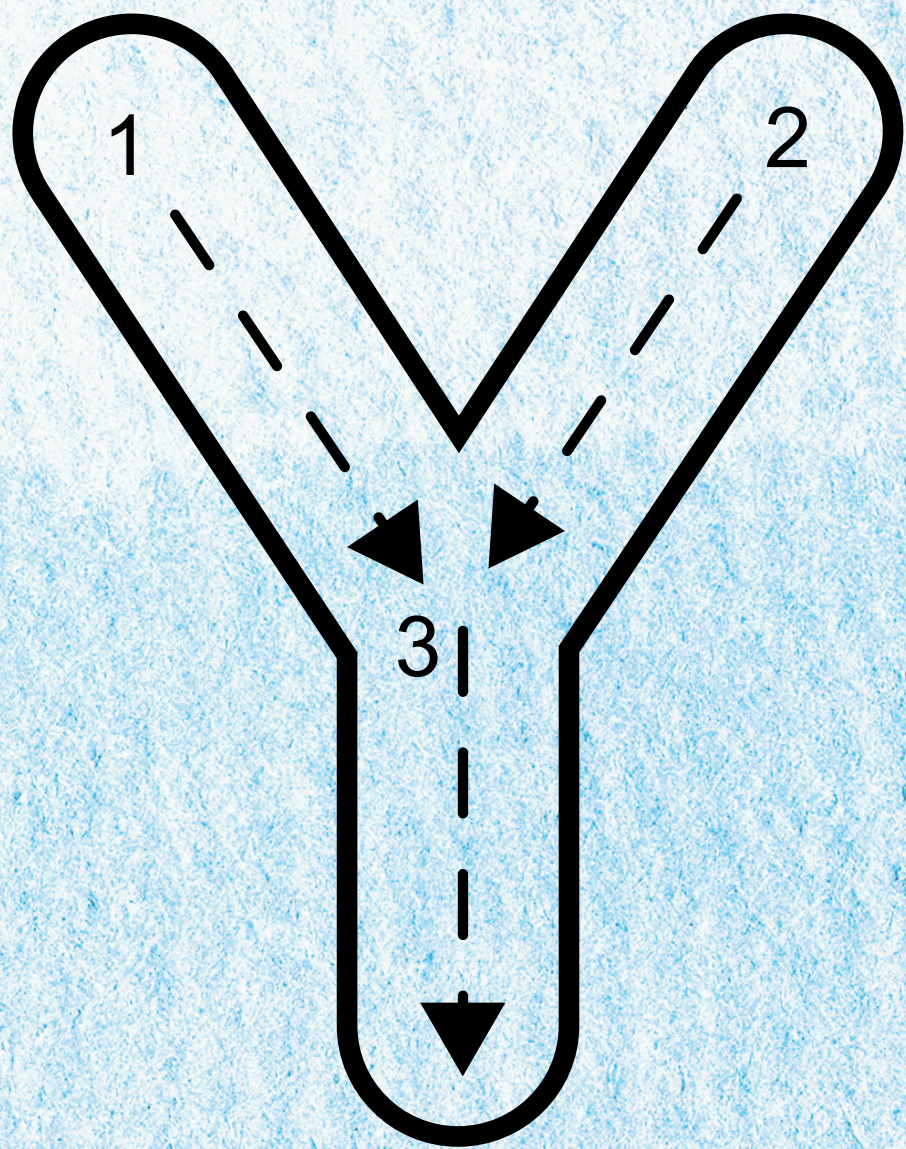
X-RAY FISH

X-RAY FISH ARE TINY, SEE-THROUGH FISH THAT LIVE IN RIVERS AND STREAMS IN SOUTH AMERICA! THEIR BODIES ARE SO CLEAR THAT YOU CAN SEE THEIR BONES, JUST LIKE AN X-RAY. THESE FISH AREN'T VERY BIG, USUALLY GROWING TO ABOUT THREE INCHES LONG, BUT THEY TRAVEL IN BIG GROUPS CALLED SCHOOLS TO STAY SAFE. X-RAY FISH LOVE EATING TINY INSECTS AND PLANTS, AND THEY USE THEIR GREAT EYESIGHT TO FIND FOOD. THEY'RE A FUN REMINDER OF HOW UNIQUE AND AMAZING GOD'S CREATURES ARE!



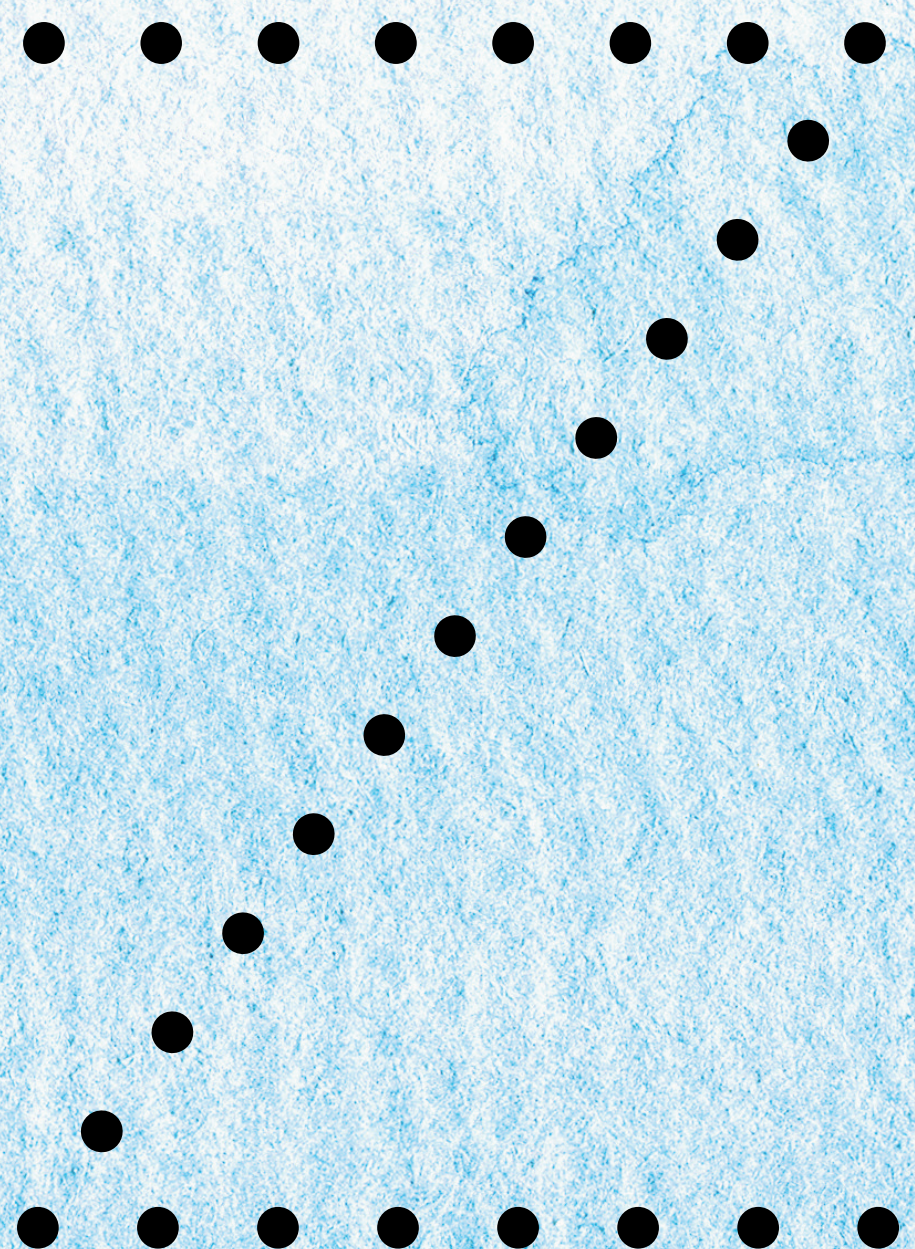
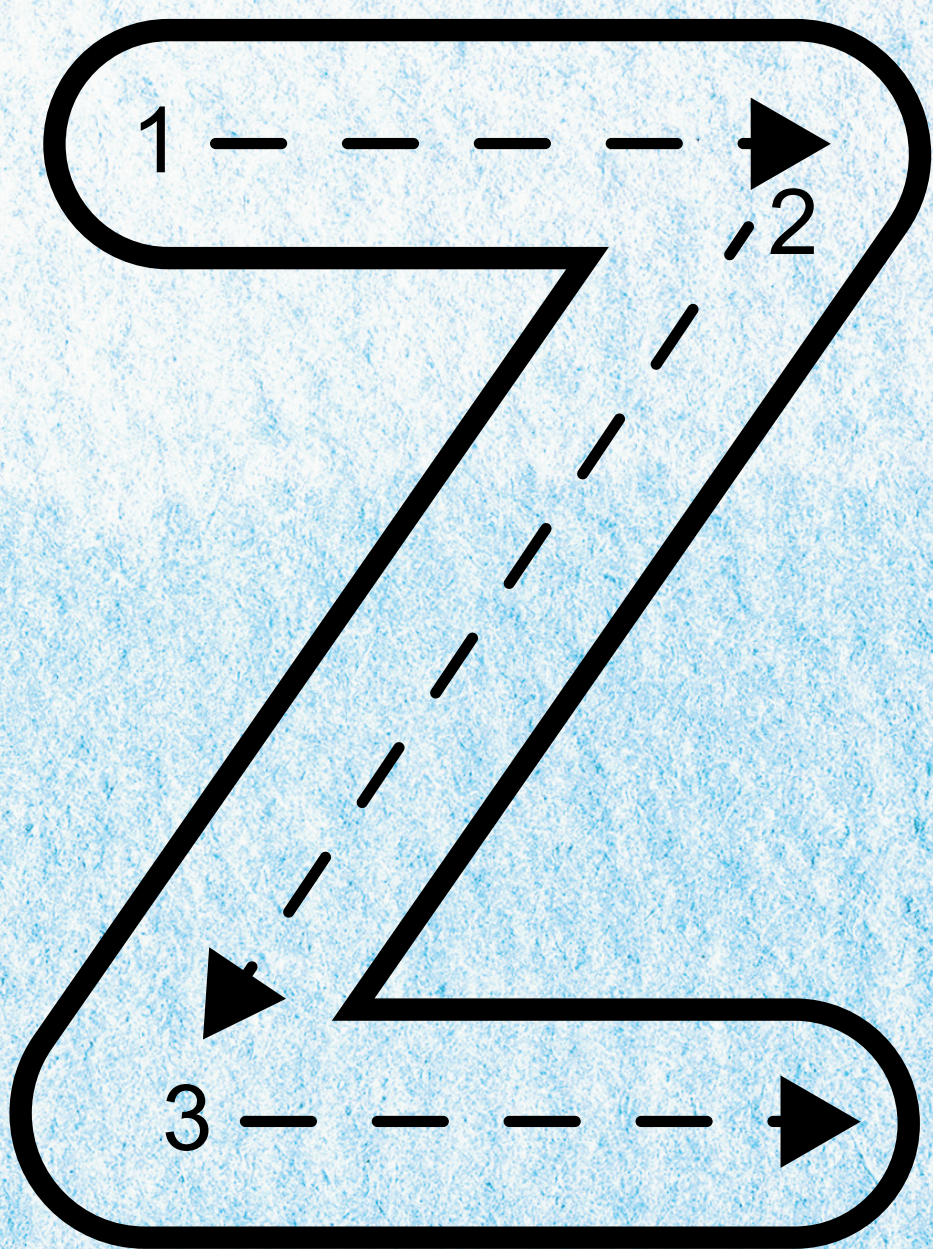
YELLOW TANG

YELLOW TANGS ARE BRIGHT, SUNNY-YELLOW FISH THAT LIVE IN WARM OCEAN WATERS NEAR CORAL REEFS! THEY HAVE FLAT, OVAL-SHAPED BODIES THAT HELP THEM ZIP THROUGH THE WATER TO FIND FOOD LIKE ALGAE. YELLOW TANGS ARE GREAT CLEANERS—THEY EVEN HELP KEEP THE REEFS HEALTHY BY EATING ALGAE THAT GROWS TOO MUCH. WITH THEIR CHEERFUL COLOR AND IMPORTANT JOB, THEY'RE LIKE LITTLE SUNSHINE HELPERS UNDER THE SEA!



ZEBRA SHARK

ZEBRA SHARKS ARE COOL, SPOTTED SHARKS THAT LIVE NEAR CORAL REEFS AND SANDY OCEAN FLOORS! WHEN THEY'RE YOUNG, THEY HAVE BLACK AND WHITE STRIPES LIKE A ZEBRA, BUT AS THEY GROW UP, THEIR STRIPES TURN INTO SPOTS. ZEBRA SHARKS ARE SLOW SWIMMERS AND LOVE TO NAP ON THE OCEAN FLOOR DURING THE DAY. THEY USE THEIR LONG TAILS AND TINY MOUTHS TO HUNT FOR CRABS, SNAILS, AND SMALL FISH AT NIGHT. THESE GENTLE SHARKS ARE HARMLESS TO PEOPLE AND ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF KEEPING THE OCEAN BALANCED!



OCEAN ACTIVITY IDEAS

LETTER ACTIVITIES

U – UNDERWATER ADVENTURE: MAKE AN “UNDERWATER” SENSORY BIN WITH BLUE WATER, TOY FISH, AND SEAWEED (GREEN STREAMERS). PRACTICE WRITING THE LETTER U WITH A FINGER IN SAND.

V – VIBRANT VOLCANO SPONGE: PAINT OR CRAFT A “VOLCANO SPONGE” MODEL AND TALK ABOUT HOW SPONGES FILTER THE OCEAN.

W – WHALE TALES: READ A STORY ABOUT WHALES AND CRAFT A PAPER PLATE WHALE. PRACTICE TRACING W SHAPES AS “WAVES.”

X – X-RAY FISH FUN: USE WAX PAPER OR TRACING PAPER TO CREATE SEE-THROUGH “X-RAY FISH” DRAWINGS.

Y – YELLOW TANG ART: COLOR OR FINGER-PAINT A BRIGHT YELLOW TANG AND PRACTICE IDENTIFYING THE LETTER Y IN WORDS.

Z – ZEBRA SHARK STRIPES: MAKE ZEBRA SHARK PATTERNS WITH BLACK AND WHITE PAINT OR STRIPES ON A SHARK CUTOUT.

SEA SHELL SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

PICK OUT THE DIFFERENT SHELL FROM EACH ROW

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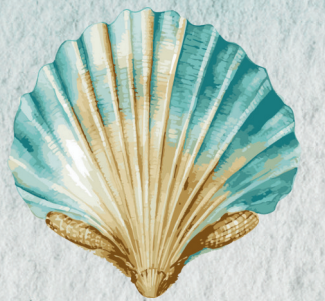
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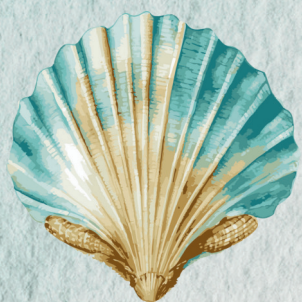
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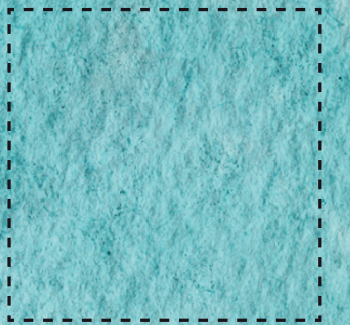
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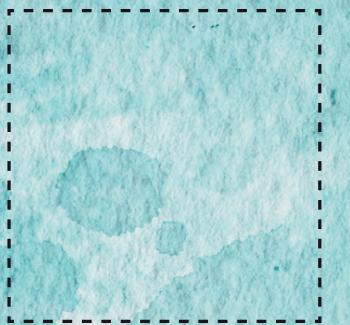
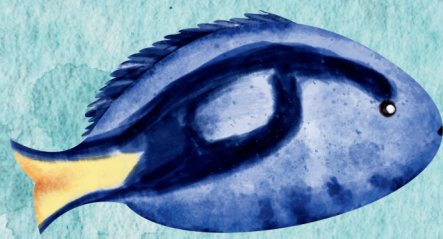
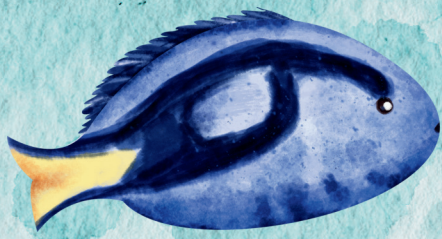
FINISH THE PATTERN

CAN YOU SEE WHAT COMES NEXT?

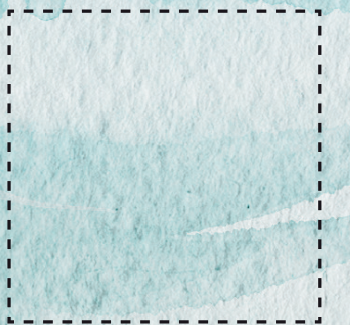
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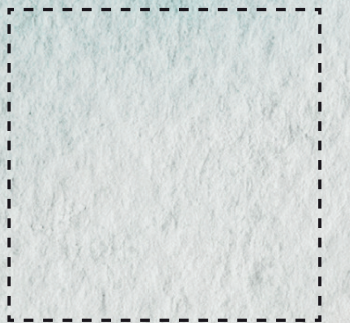
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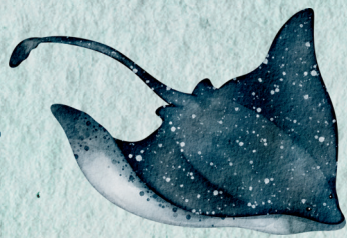
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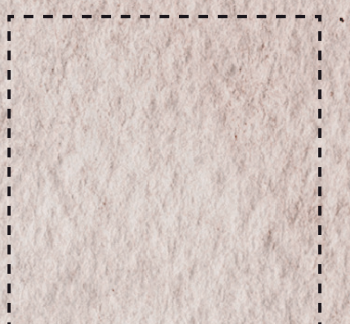
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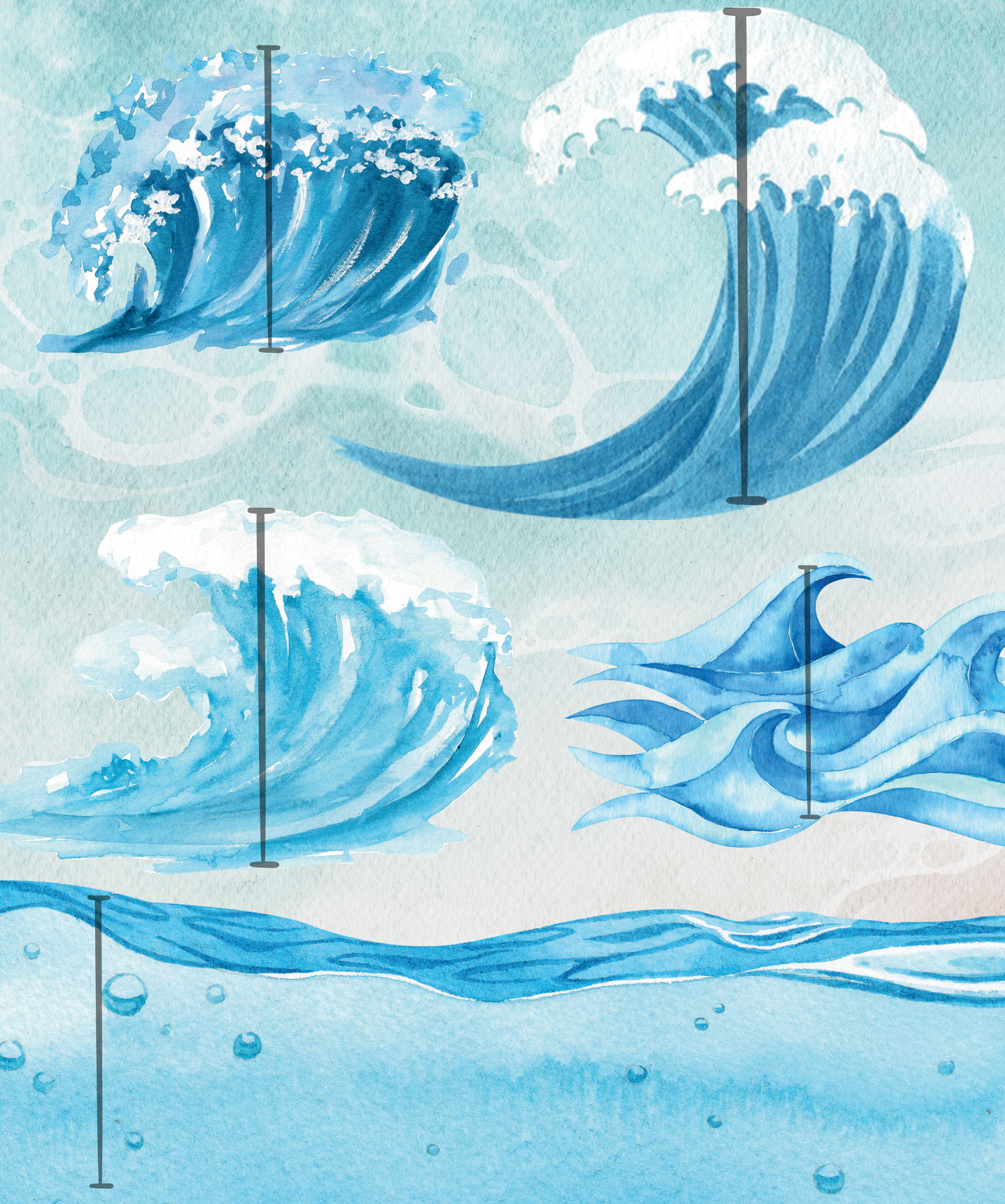


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MEASURE THE WAVES

USE A RULER OR TAPE MEASURE TO MEASURE THE WAVES! WHICH ONE IS THE TALLEST?



LET'S GO TO THE BEACH!

HOW MANY DOLPHINS DO YOU SEE?

WHAT SHAPES DO YOU SEE?

HOW MANY SEAGULLS DO YOU SEE?

HOW MANY BOATS ARE THERE?



PSALM 104:25

"HERE IS THE SEA, VAST AND SPACIOUS,
TEEMING WITH CREATURES BEYOND NUMBER."

GOD'S CREATION IS ENDLESS AND FULL OF LIFE! JUST LIKE THE SEA, HIS WORLD IS VAST, BEAUTIFUL, AND TEEMING WITH CREATURES—EACH MADE WITH PURPOSE. AS WE LOOK AT THE OCEAN, WE ARE REMINDED OF HOW MIGHTY AND CREATIVE GOD IS. THE OCEAN IS FULL OF WONDERS WE CAN'T EVEN FULLY UNDERSTAND, JUST LIKE HIS LOVE FOR US!

LET'S IMAGINE THE OCEAN FILLED WITH ALL KINDS OF CREATURES! DRAW OR PAINT YOUR VERSION OF THE SEA, ADDING AS MANY ANIMALS AS YOU CAN THINK OF. HOW MANY DIFFERENT CREATURES CAN YOU ADD? WHAT COLORS WILL YOU USE FOR THE OCEAN? TALK ABOUT HOW EACH CREATURE IS SPECIAL TO GOD.

DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR CREATING THE OCEAN AND ALL THE
CREATURES IN IT. THANK YOU FOR SHOWING US HOW
VAST AND WONDERFUL YOUR CREATION IS. HELP US
TO ALWAYS MARVEL AT THE BEAUTY OF THE WORLD YOU
MADE, AND REMIND US THAT YOU MADE EACH OF US
WITH LOVE AND PURPOSE.

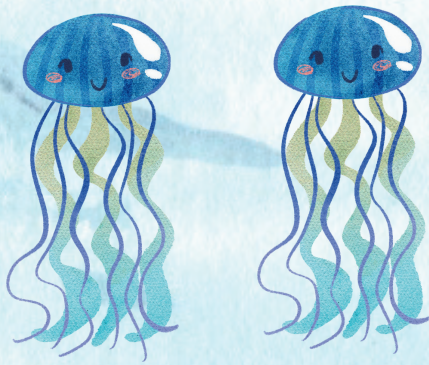
IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

JELLYFISH MATH

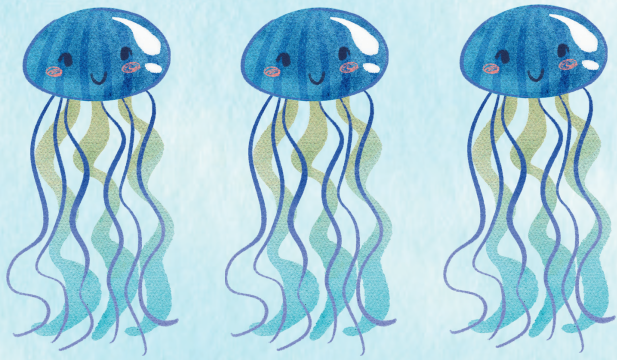
CUT APART THE NUMBERS IN THE EXTRA SECTION OR JUST COUNT ORALLY!



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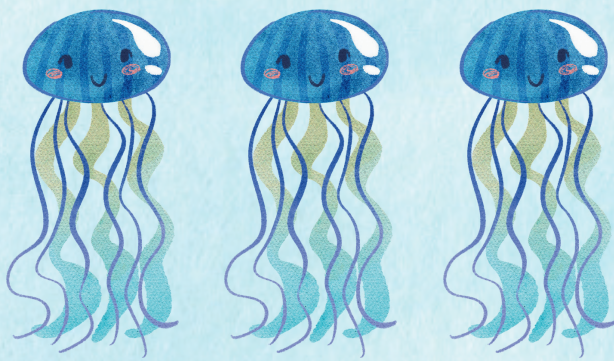
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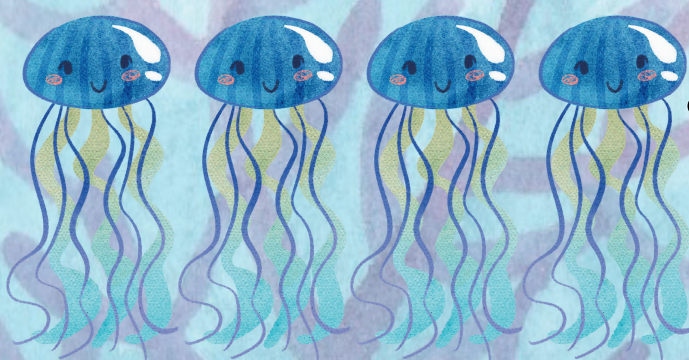
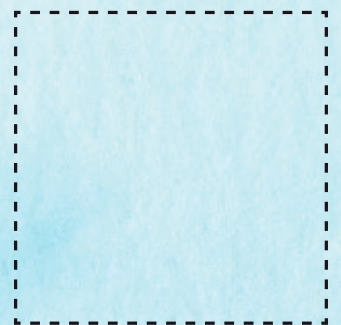
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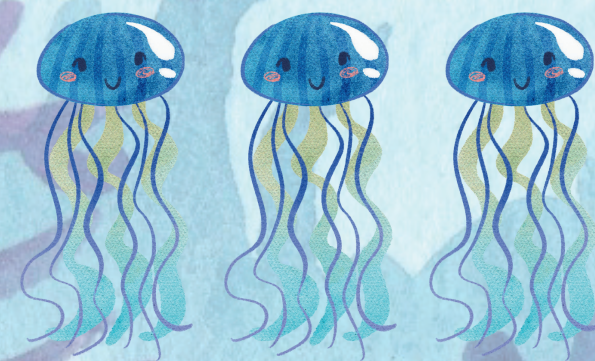
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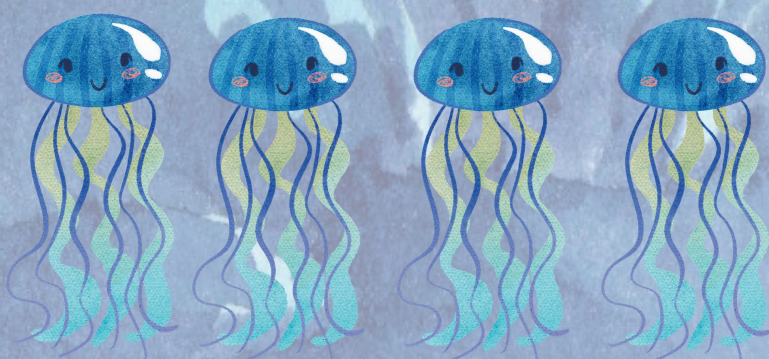
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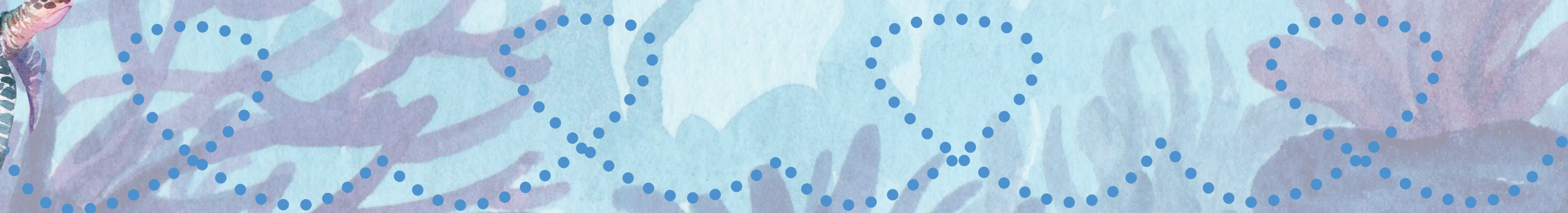
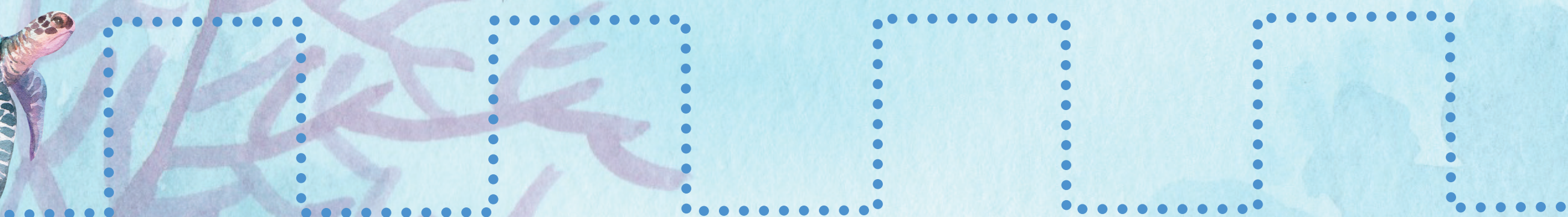


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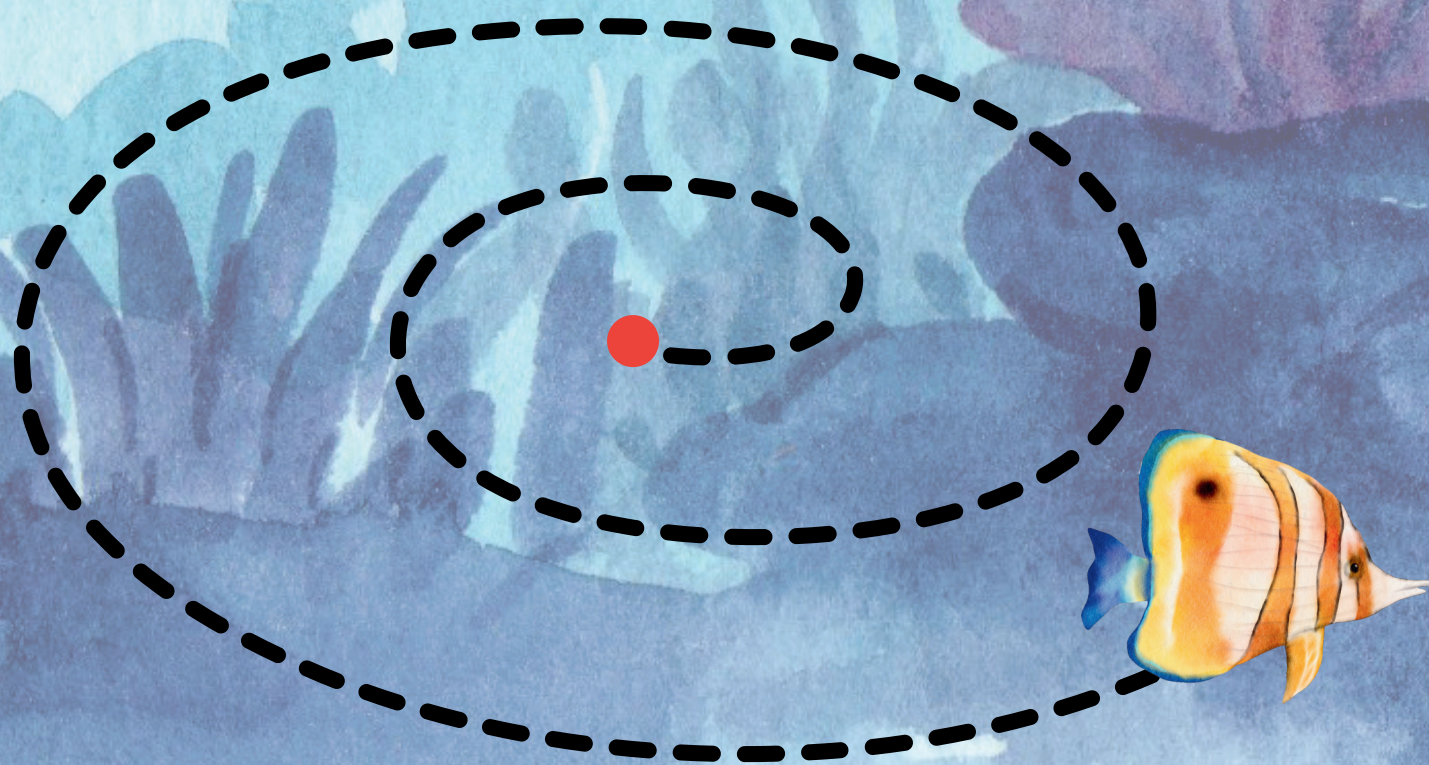
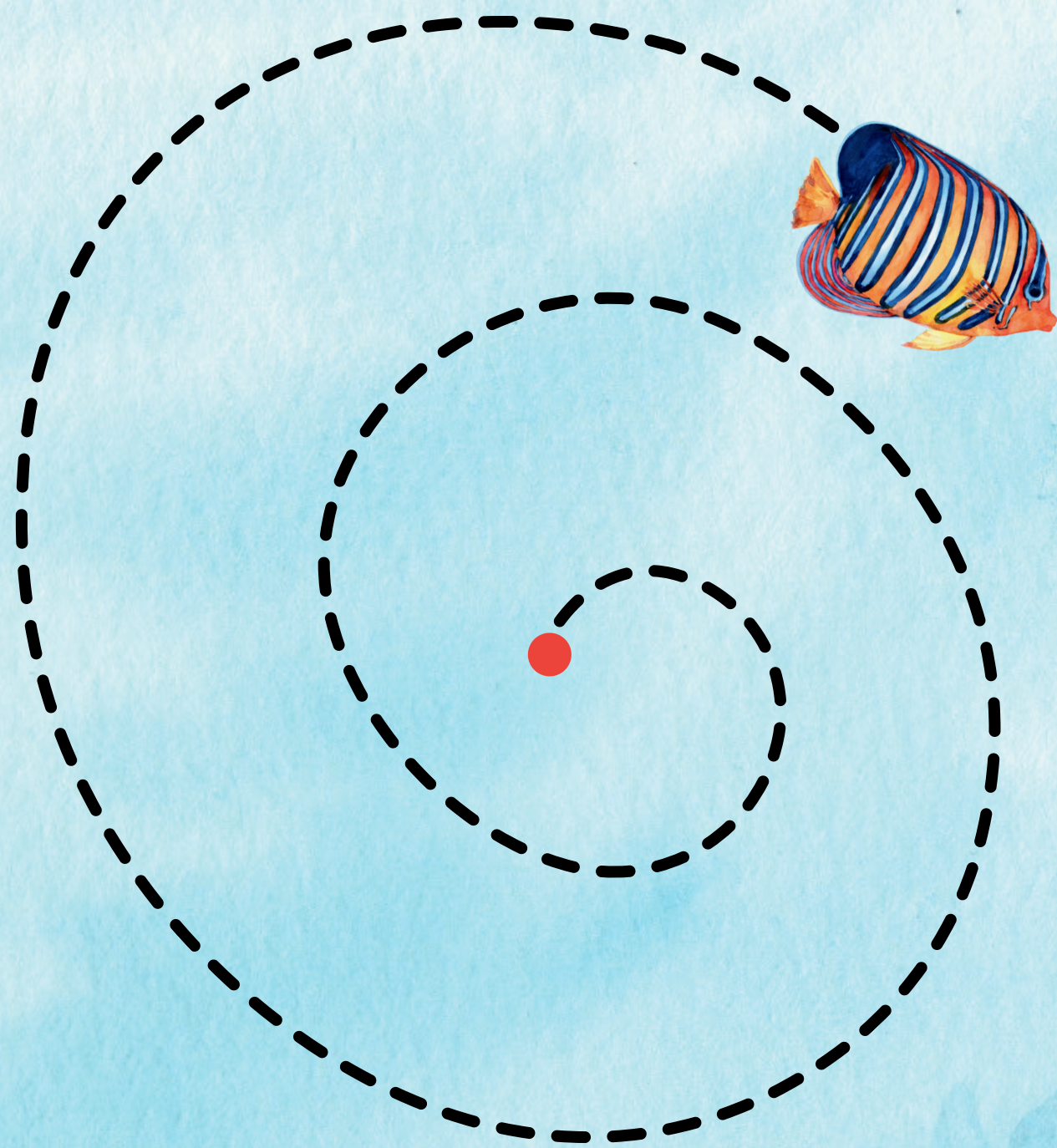
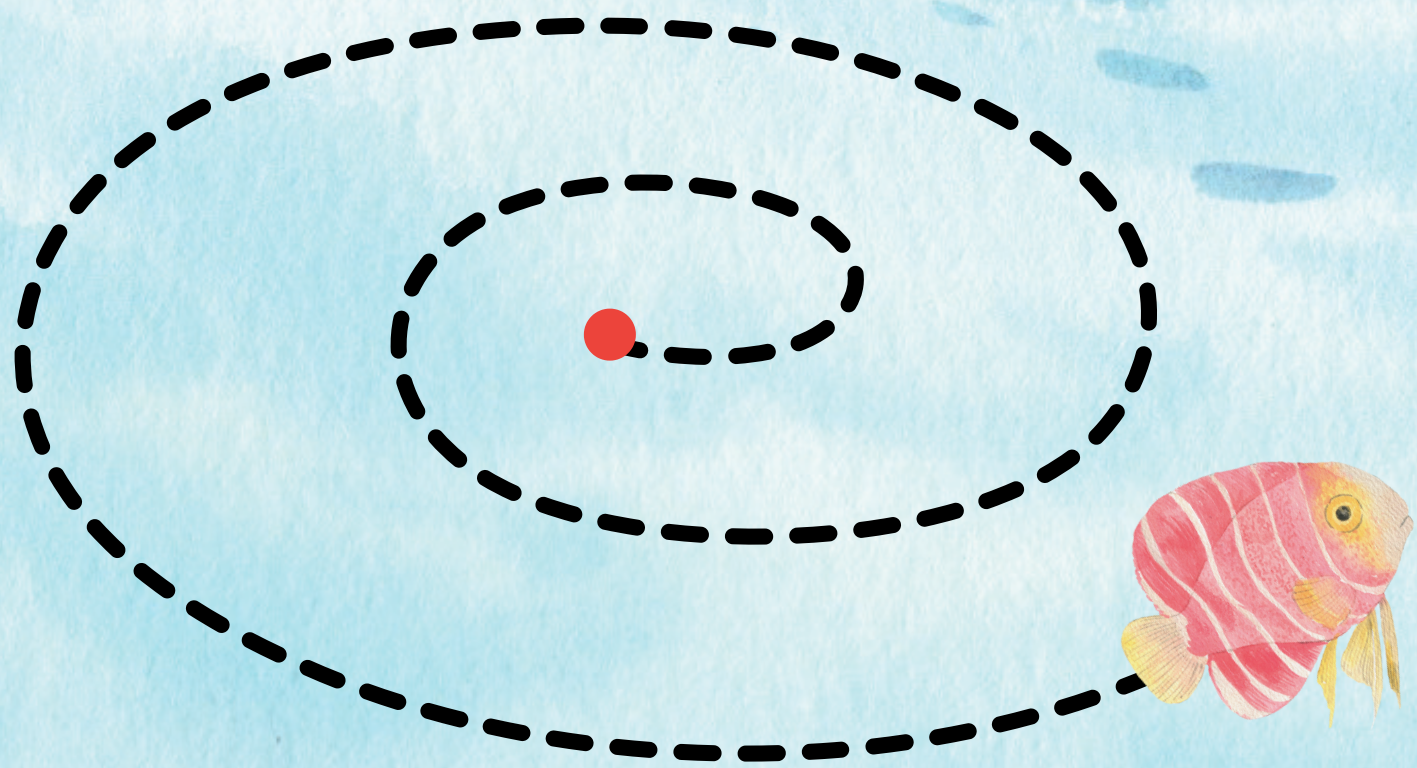
FOLLOW THE CURRENT

HELP THE TURTLES STAY ON THE CURRENT!



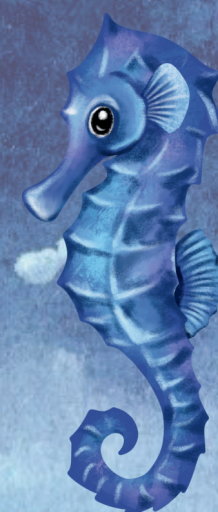
LET'S PLAY!

HELP THE FISH DANCE IN THE WATER!



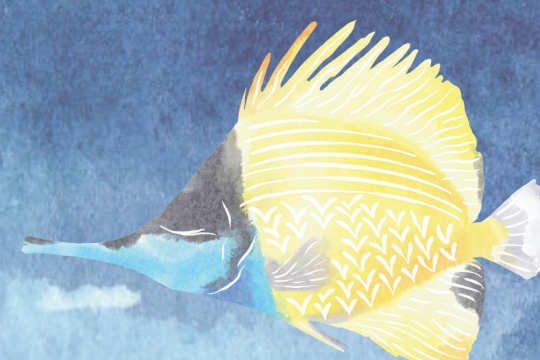
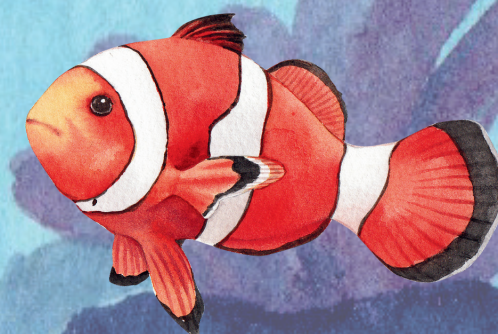
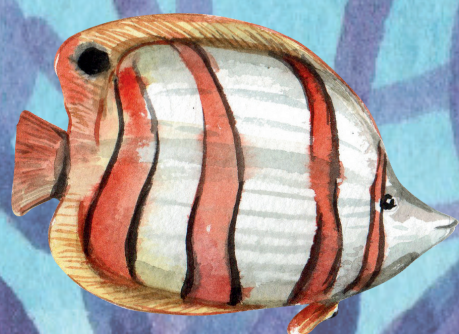
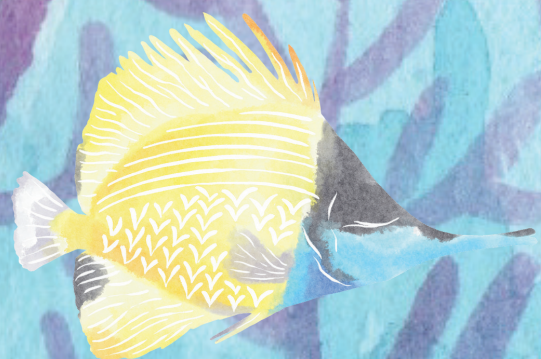
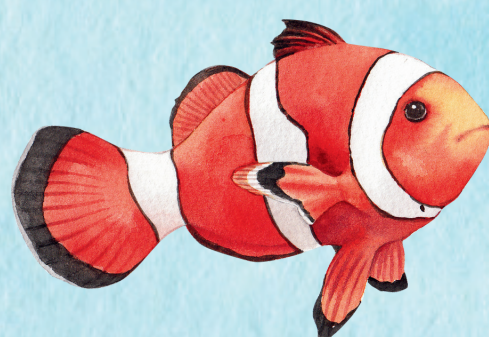
SEAHORSE MATCHING

CAN YOU DRAW A LINE TO MATCH THE SEAHORSES?

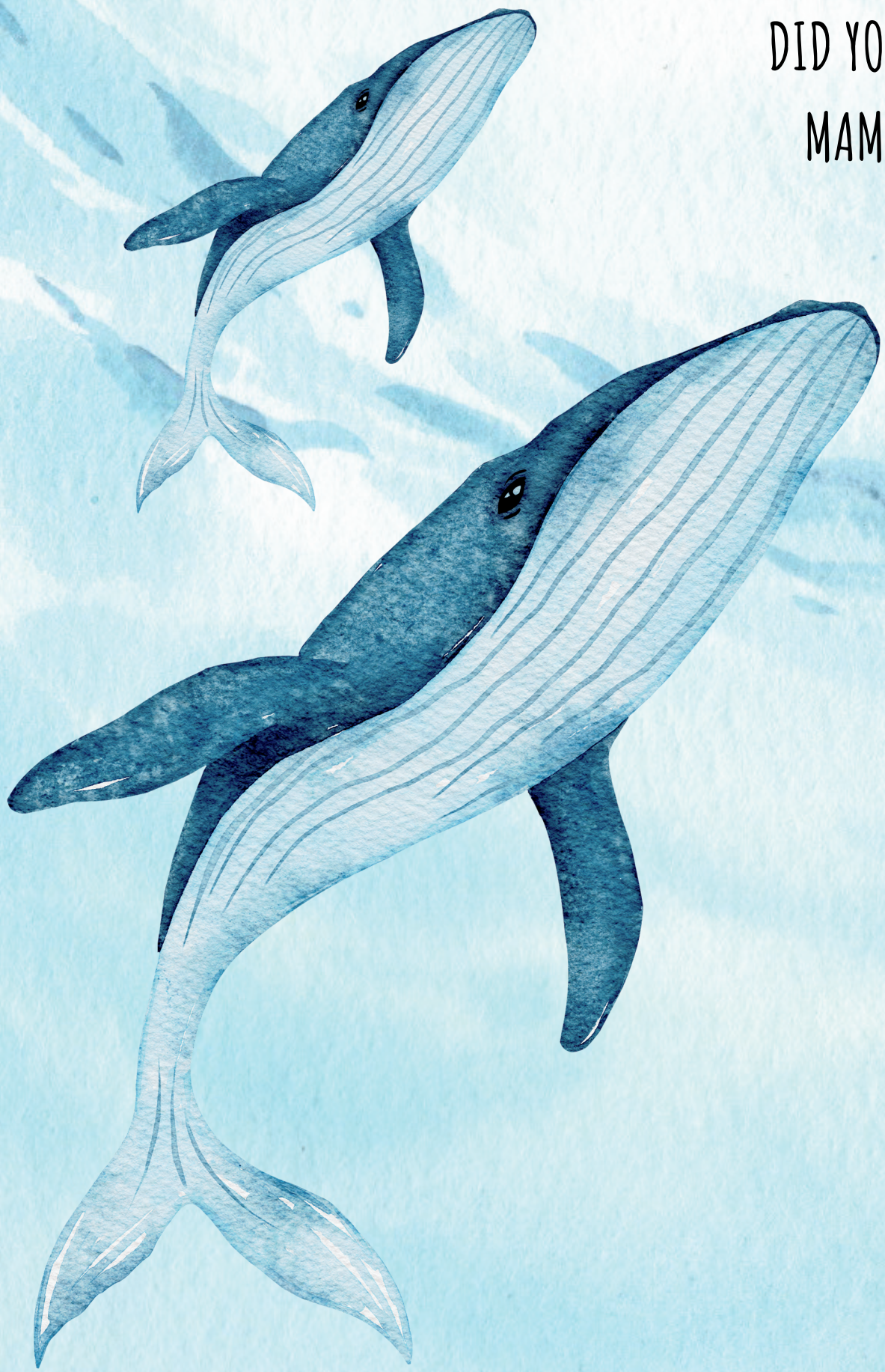


CAN YOU FIND THE MATCHING FISH?

CAN YOU DRAW A LINE TO MATCH THE FISH?



DID YOU KNOW THAT A BABY WHALE, CALLED A CALF, STAYS CLOSE TO ITS MAMA? THE MAMA WHALE HELPS HER BABY SWIM, PROTECTS IT, AND EVEN LIFTS IT UP TO THE SURFACE SO IT CAN TAKE A BREATH!



JUST LIKE MAMA WHALE

BABY WHALE: (PLAYFULLY) MAMA, THE OCEAN IS SOOO BIG!

MAMA WHALE: (KINDLY) YES, LITTLE ONE, BUT I AM RIGHT HERE WITH YOU. I WILL GUIDE YOU AND HELP YOU GROW STRONG.

JUST LIKE A MAMA WHALE CARES FOR HER BABY, GOD TAKES CARE OF US, TOO! THE BIBLE SAYS IN ISAIAH 66:13, "AS A MOTHER COMFORTS HER CHILD, SO WILL I COMFORT YOU."

BABY WHALE: SO GOD WATCHES OVER ME JUST LIKE YOU DO, MAMA?

MAMA WHALE: YES, MY DEAR. NO MATTER HOW BIG THE OCEAN—OR HOW BIG LIFE FEELS—GOD'S LOVE IS EVEN BIGGER!

A MOTHER'S LOVE IS DEEP, BUT GOD'S LOVE IS DEEPER STILL!

WHALE

ABC SWIM!

CUT OUT THE FISH FROM THE "EXTRAS" PAGE AND SWIM THROUGH ALL THE LETTERS!

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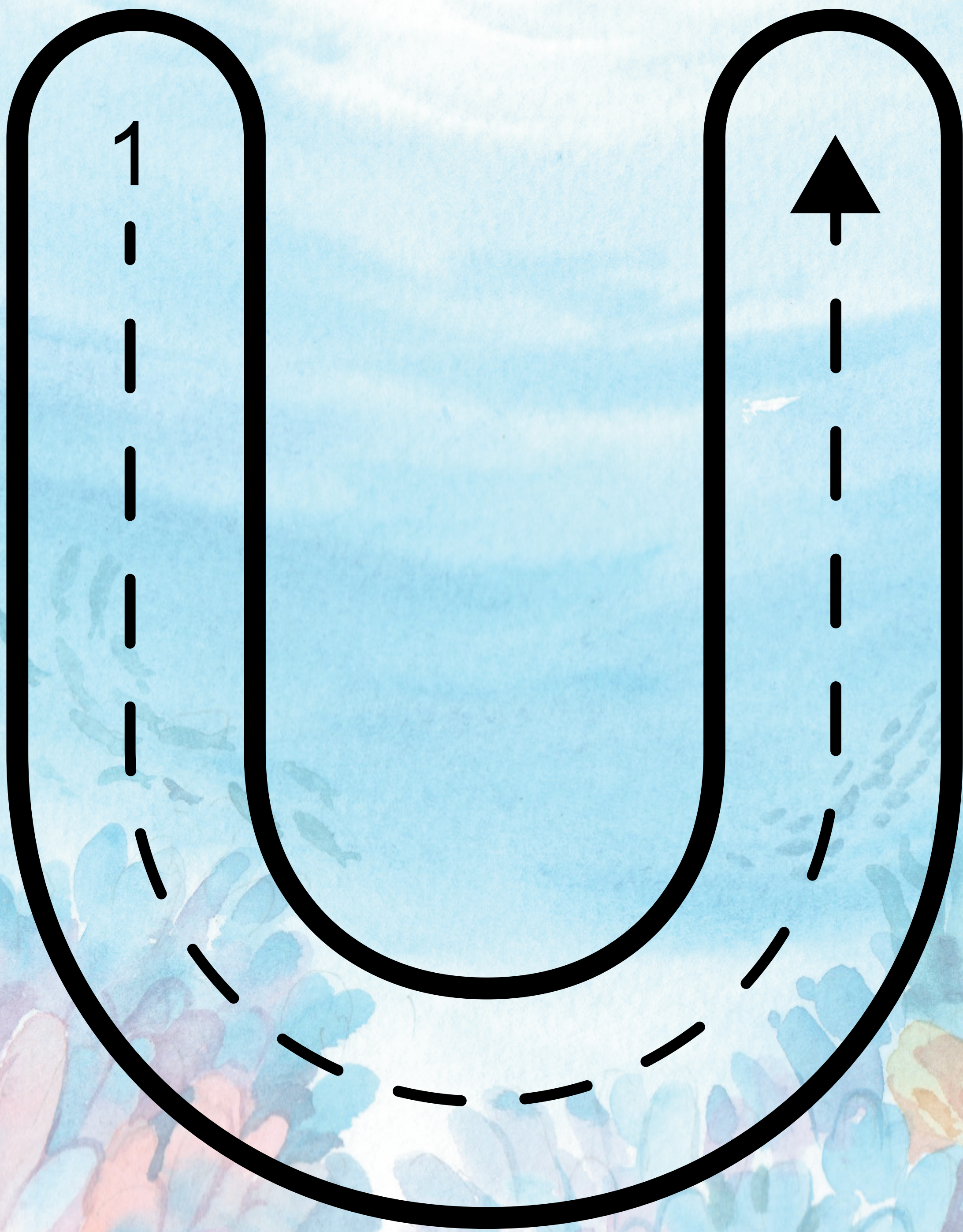
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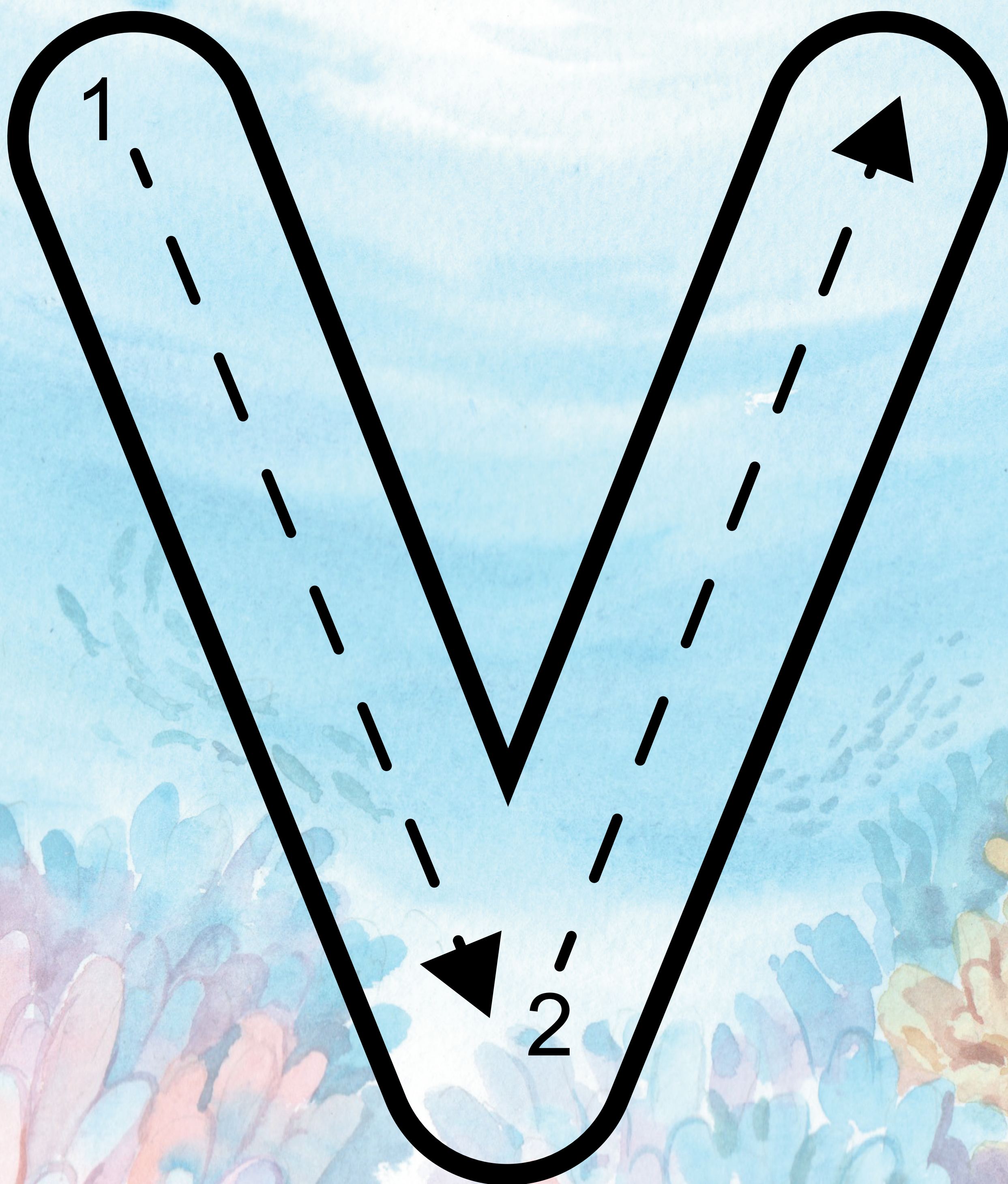
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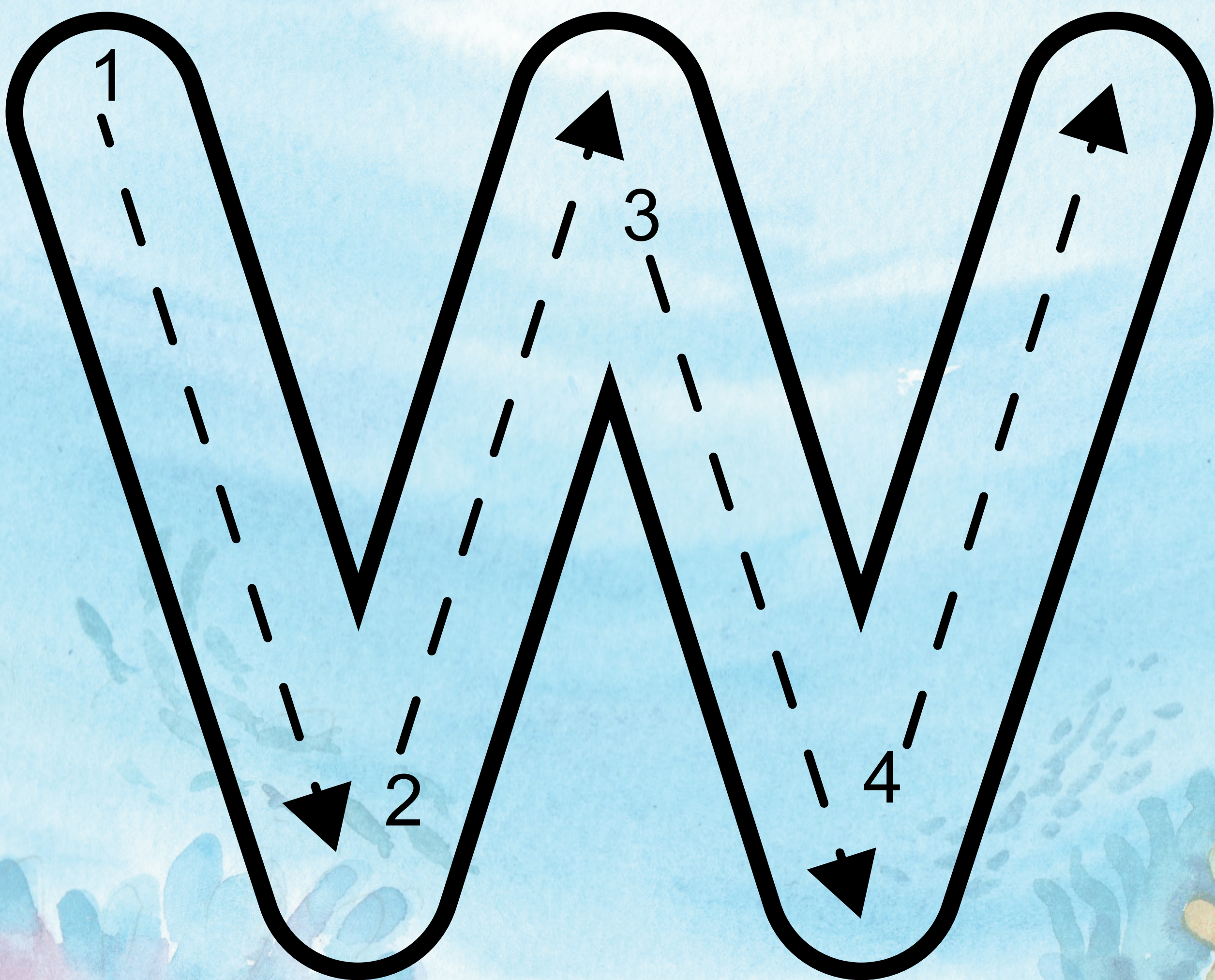
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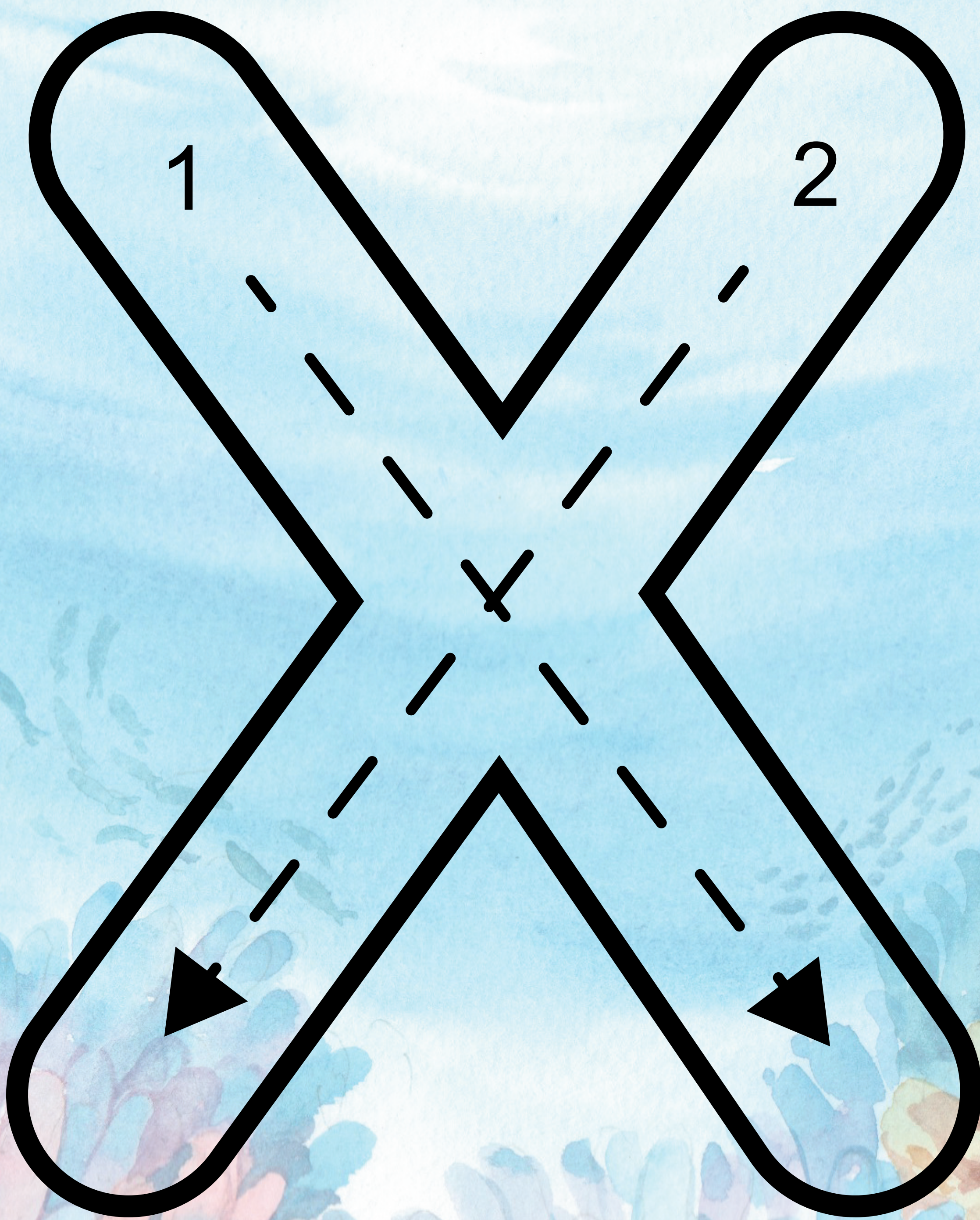
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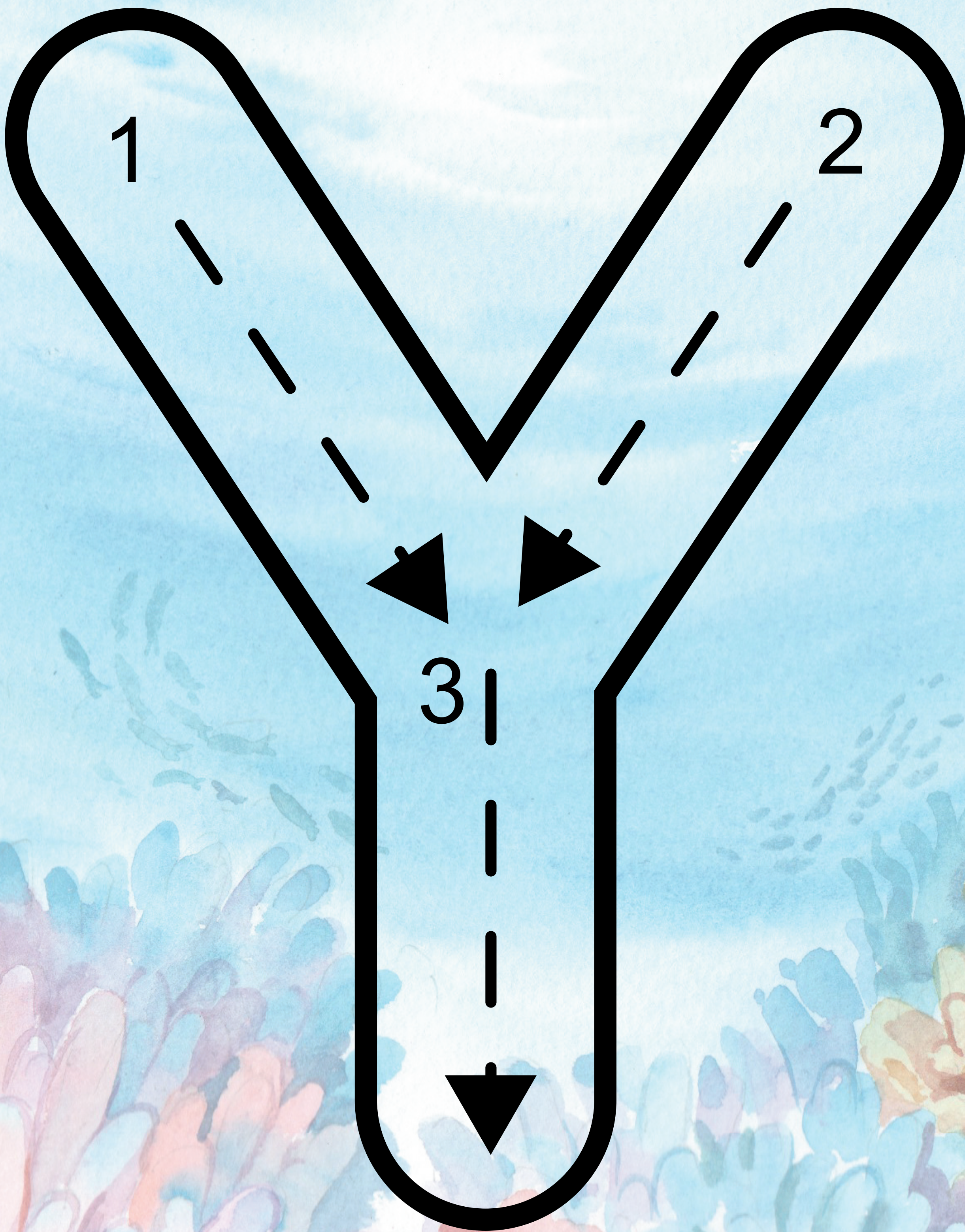
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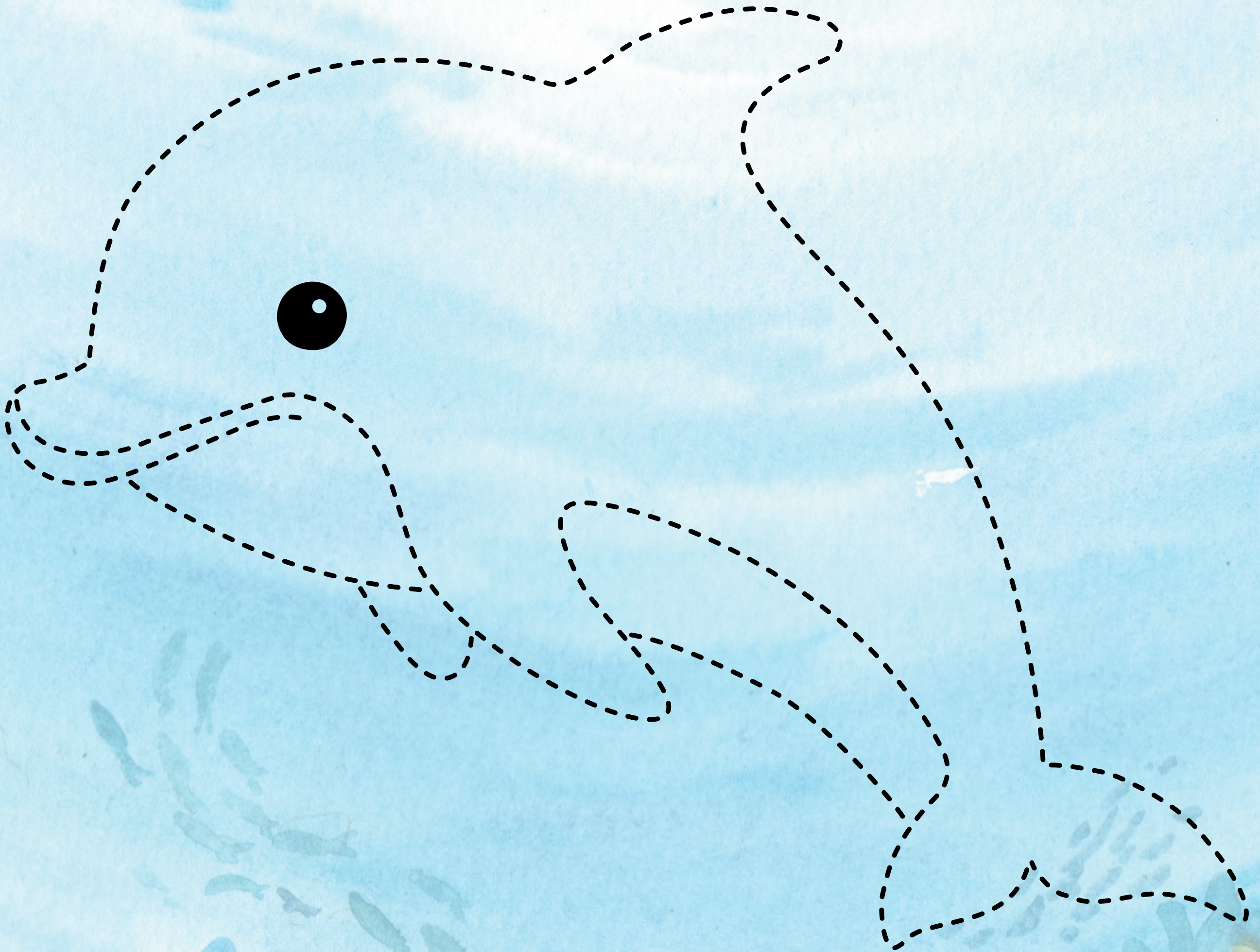
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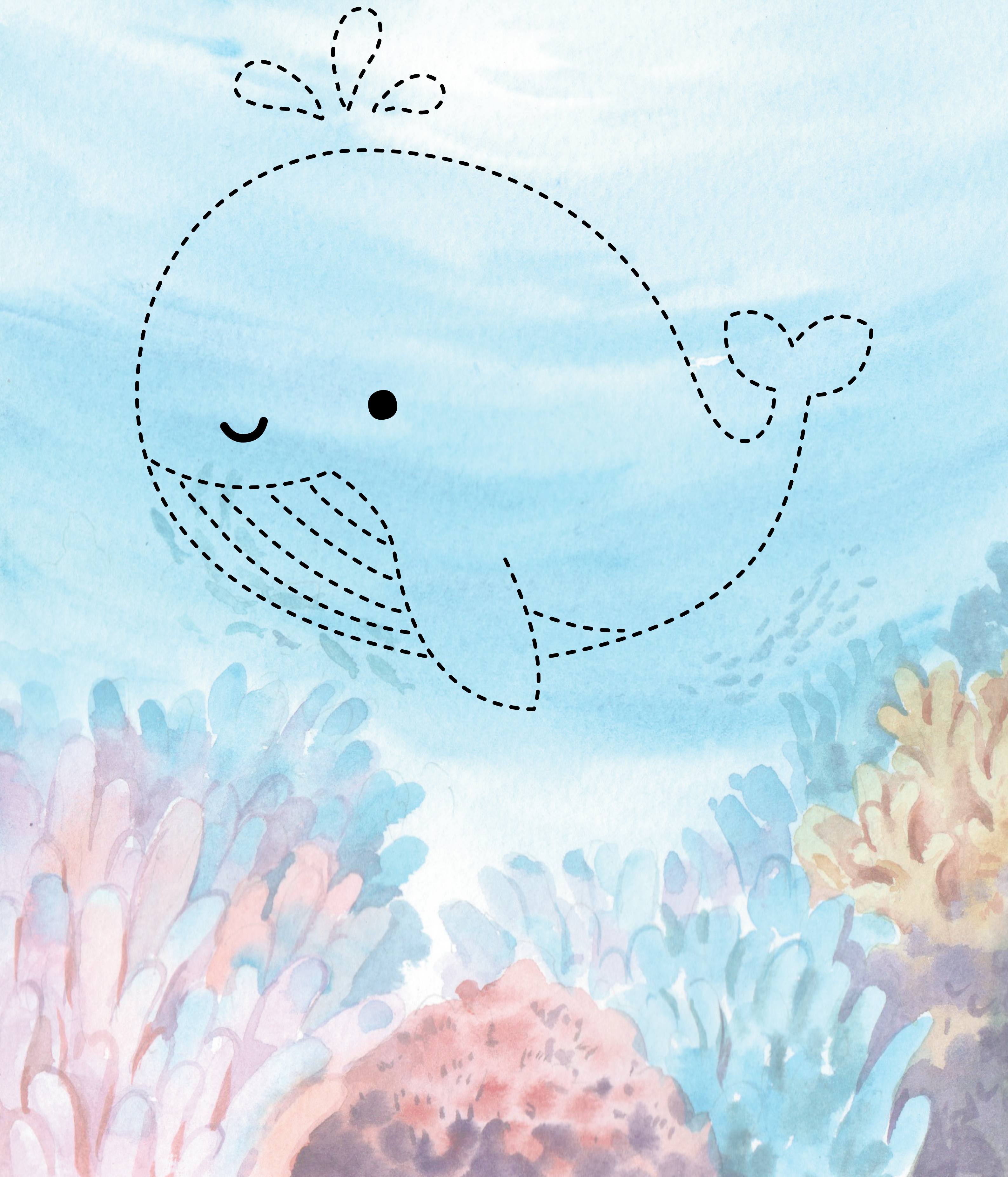
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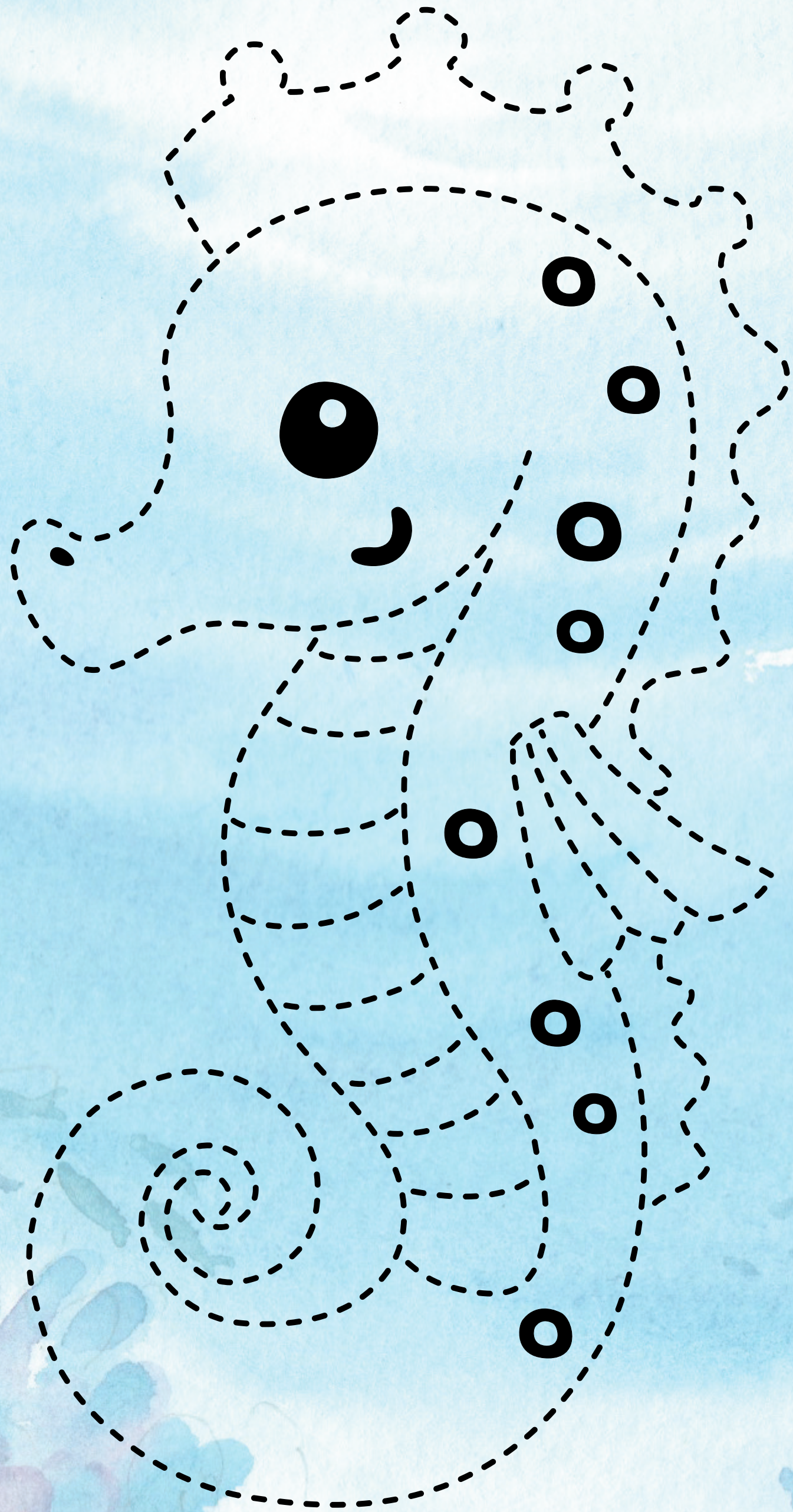
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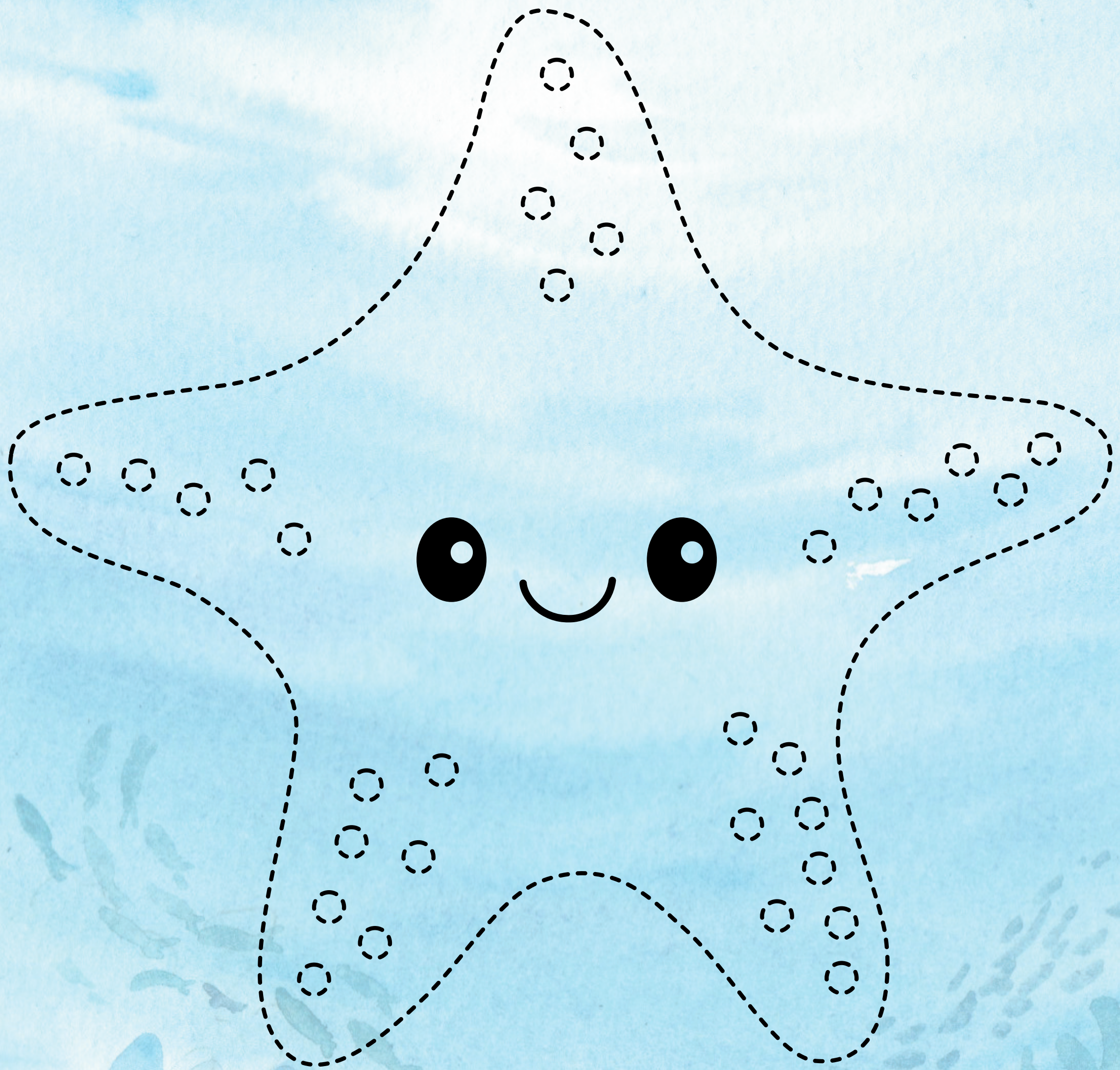
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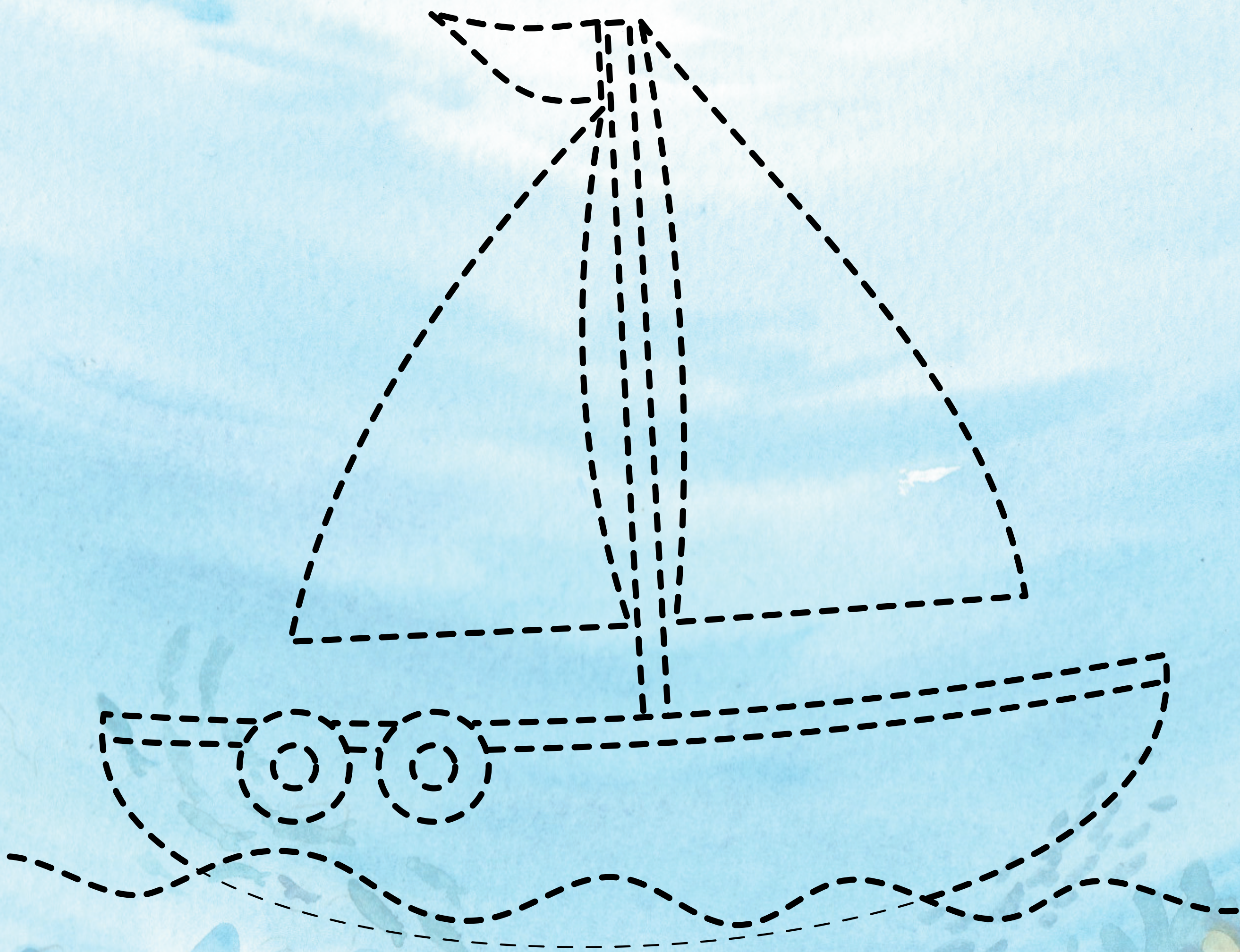
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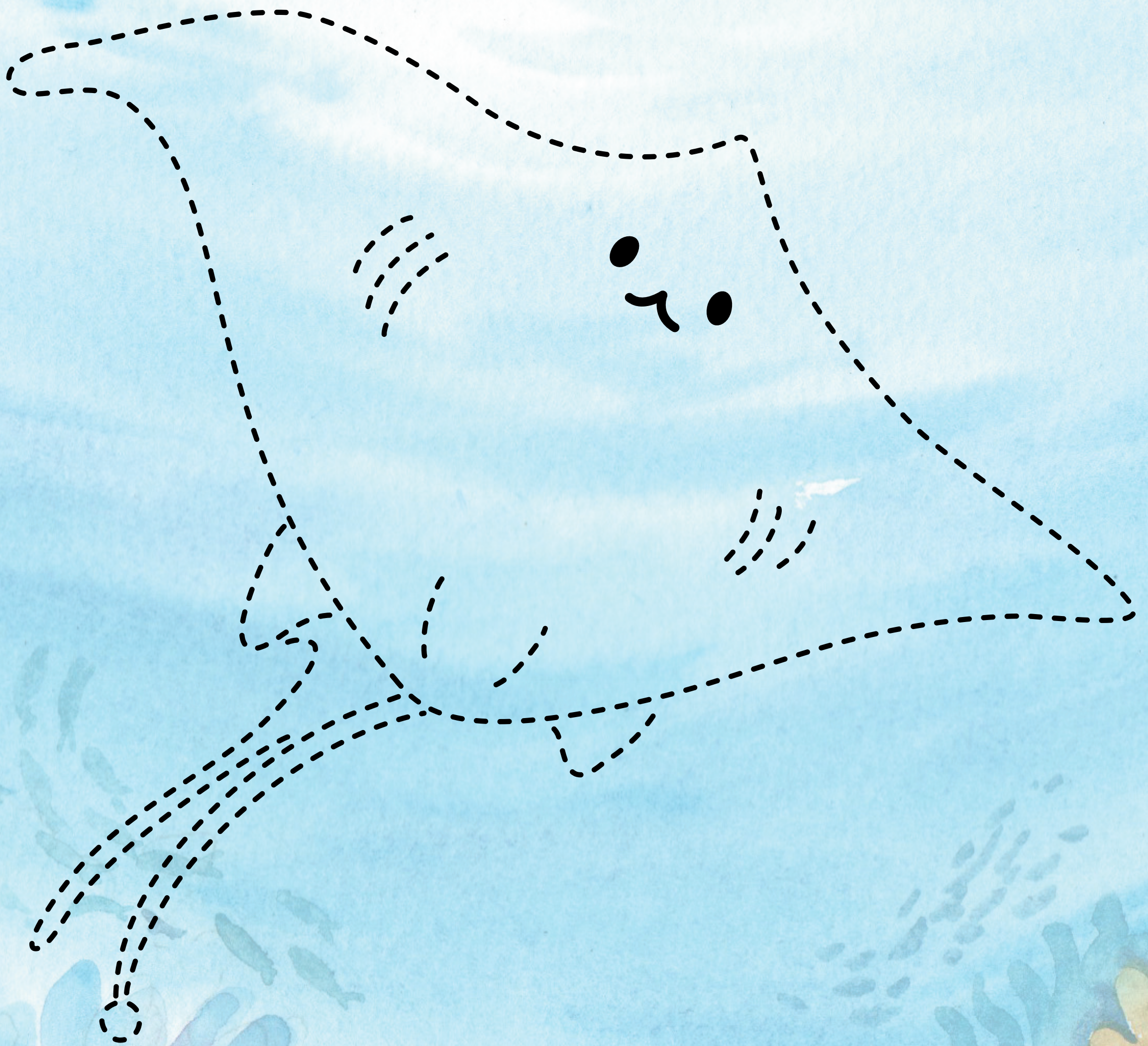
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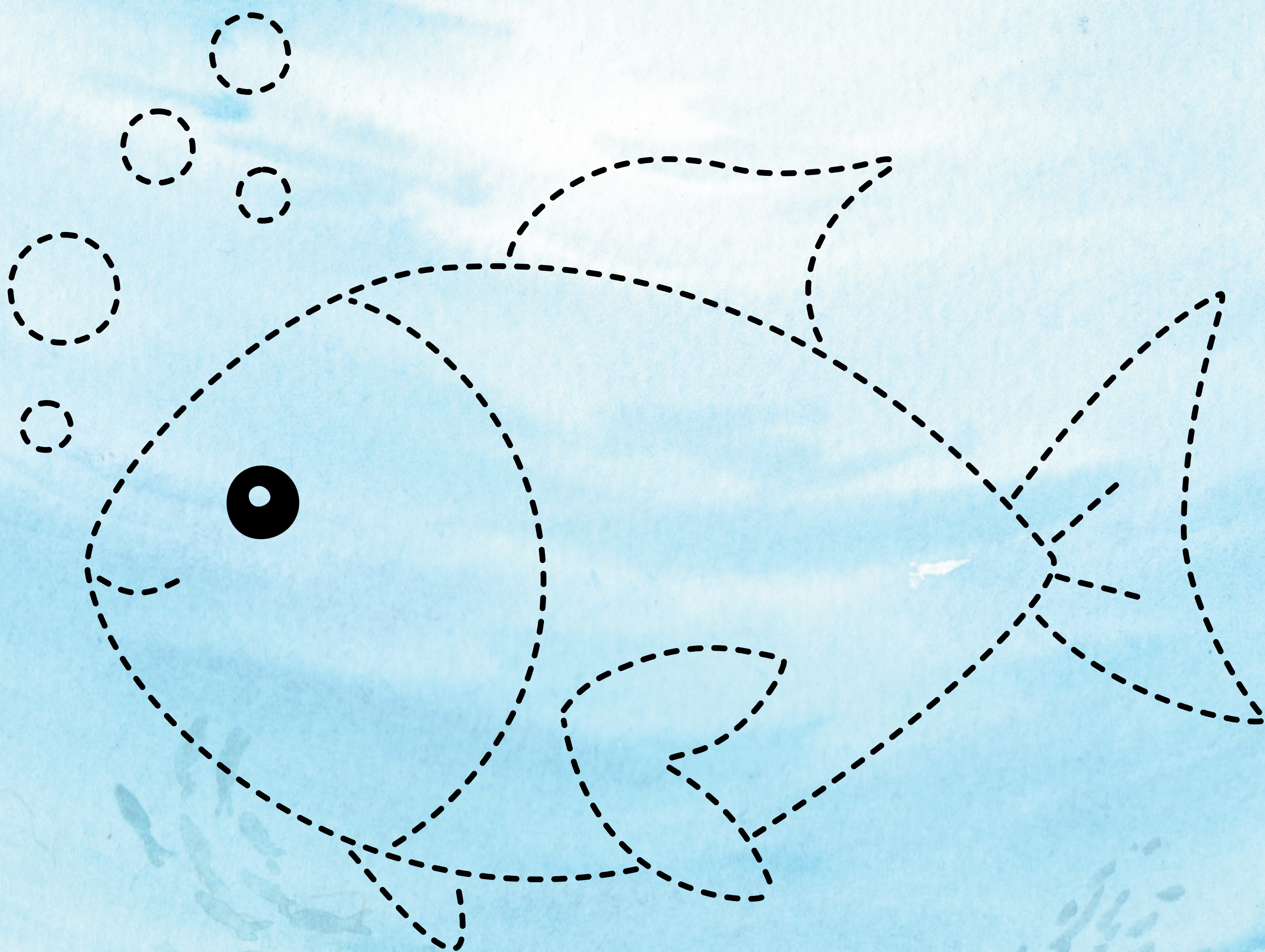
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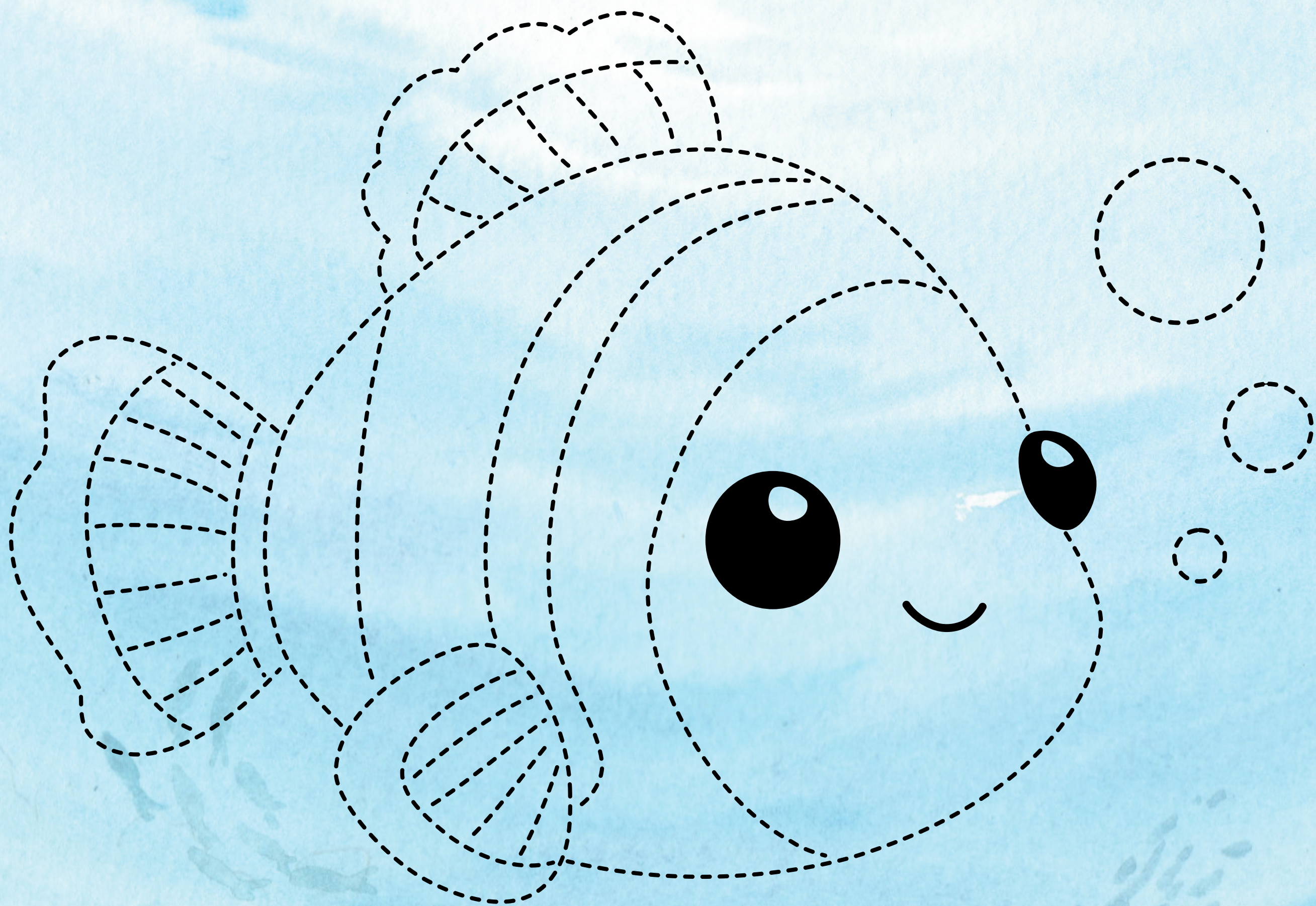
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FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING THE LITTLE
YEARS PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM: VOLUME 3 – OCEAN WONDERS!

IT HAS BEEN AN ABSOLUTE JOY TO CREATE THIS RESOURCE, AND I PRAY IT FILLS YOUR HOME WITH
LAUGHTER, CURIOSITY, AND SWEET LEARNING MOMENTS. YOUR DEDICATION TO YOUR LITTLE ONES
AND THEIR EARLY EDUCATION IS TRULY INSPIRING.

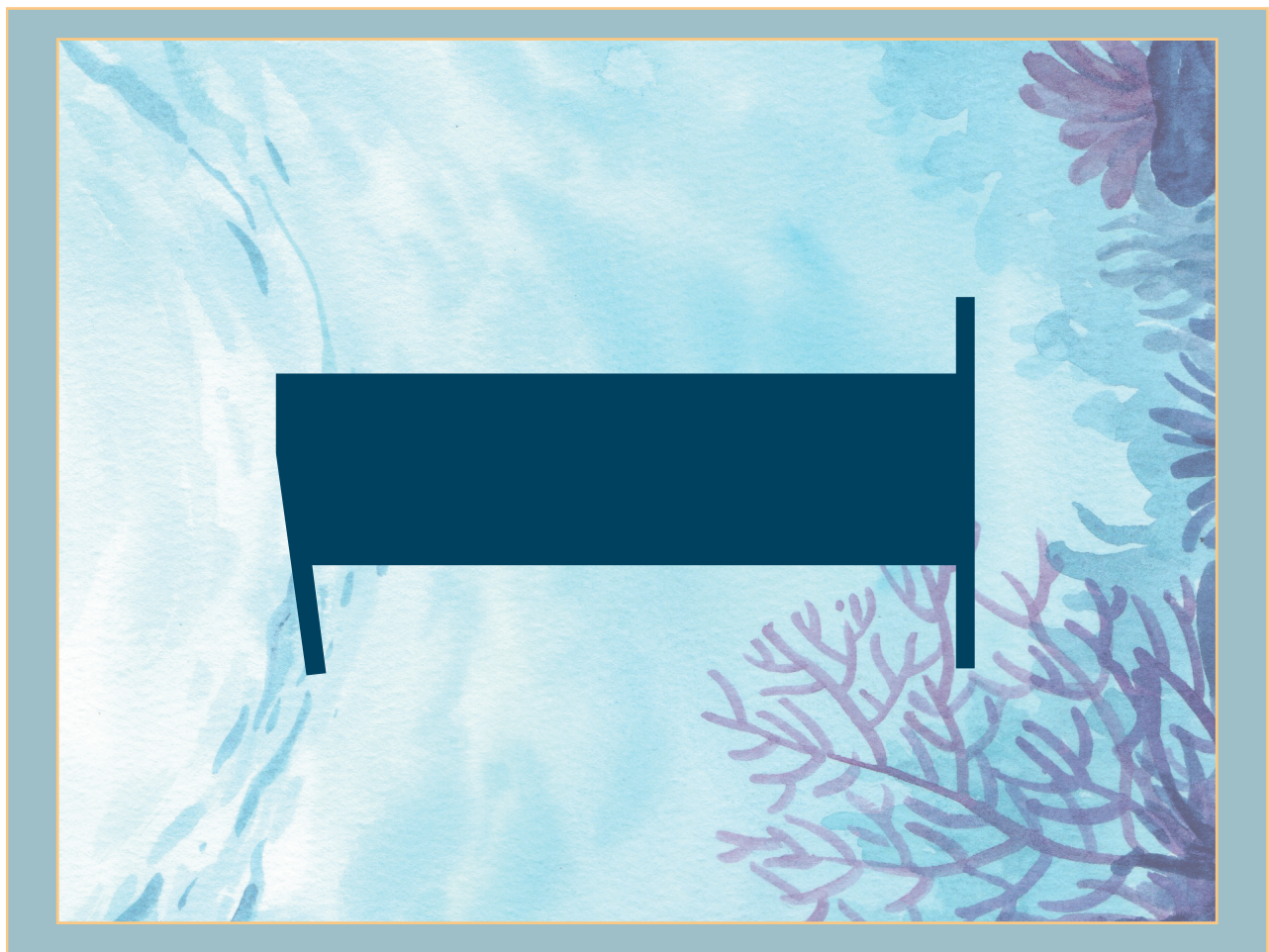
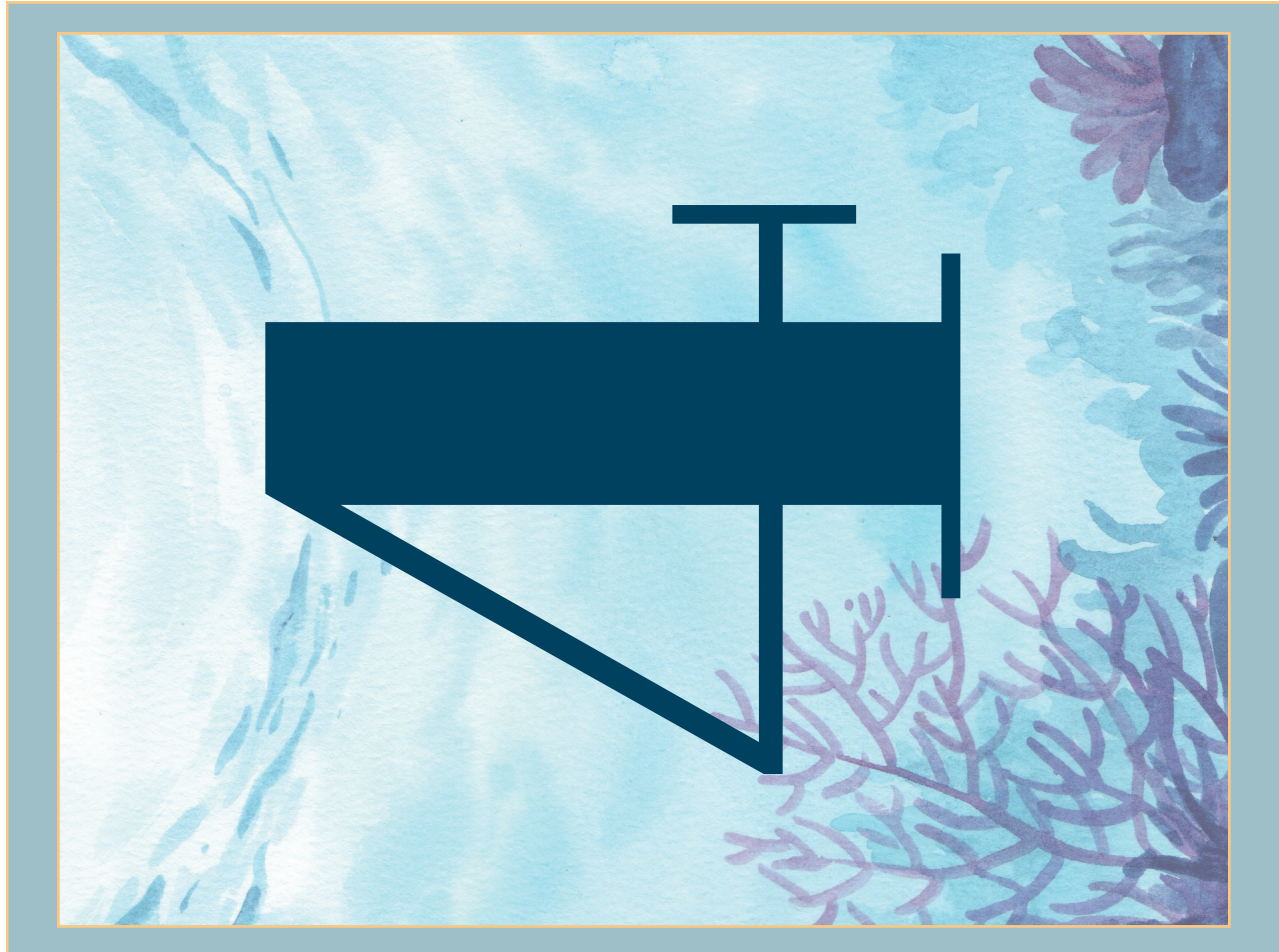
I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH THIS SERIES—WHAT YOUR CHILDREN
ENJOYED MOST, THE MEMORIES YOU'VE MADE, AND ANY WAYS IT HAS BLESSED YOUR FAMILY.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT AND SHARE!

MAY YOUR HOMESCHOOL DAYS BE FILLED WITH WONDER AND JOY.

WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE,
OUR SWEETIE BIRDS HOME





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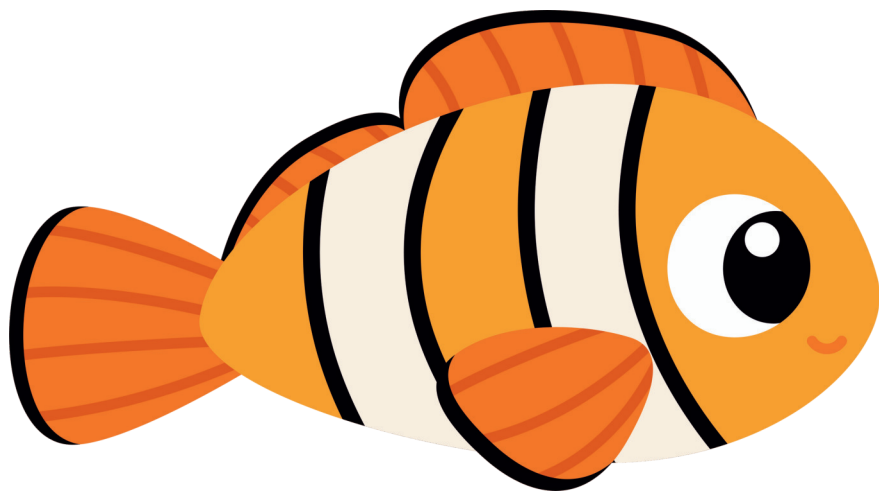
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