Storytime at Home
The Deep Blue Sea

The ocean is a wonderland completely different from your child’s world. Check the animals and environments that call the ocean home. Each book is available online and can be accessed on a computer or device. Bonus points if you have one or two at home! Enrich the experience by doing the activities and singing the songs. Songs without a well-known tune have a link to a video to help.

READ
(Overdrive: You will need a Gretna barcode and your phone number to log in. Please return Overdrive books promptly so others can enjoy them. Scholastic: If you get a login page for BookFlix, go here and click any book. Then try these links again. They should always work after taking this step once.)

Peanut Butter & Jellyfish by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (Scholastic BookFlix)
My Home in the Water by J. Patricia Lewis (Scholastic BookFlix)
Golden Book About Sharks by Bonnie Bader (Brightly Storytime)
Clark the Shark by Bruce Hale (Storyline Online, TumbleBooks)
Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee by Chris Van Dusen (Overdrive)
The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister (Storyline Online)
Sea Monster’s First Day by Kate Messner (Overdrive)
Dolphins by Emma Bassier (Abdo Digital)

WRITE & TALK
Fill a bucket with water, and gather 10-20 items from around the house. For each item, have your child guess whether it will sink or float, and then place it in the water. Let your child record the result on a simple chart, like the example to the right. Talk about why they sink or float (an item’s density, or the amount of stuff that’s in it).
SING & PLAY

Baby Shark (YouTube)
If your child doesn’t already know it, teach them Baby Shark, either your own version or the popular PinkFong version linked above. Here are their verses to get you started.

Baby shark  Let’s go hunt
Mommy shark  Run away
Daddy shark  Safe at last
Grandma shark  It’s the end
Grandpa shark

The Goldfish (YouTube) (Let’s Go Swimming)
Check out this silly song by one of our favorite artists for kids, The Laurie Berkner Band.

Five Little Fishes
Five little fishes, swimming in the sea,
Teasing Mr. Shark, you can’t catch me!
Here’s Mr. Shark, as quiet as can be…
Snap!
(repeat with 4, 3, 2, 1 fishes)

The Waves on the Sea
(to the tune of “The Wheels on the Bus”)
The waves on the sea go up and down, (raise and lower arms)
Up and down, up and down,
The waves on the sea go up and down
All day long.

The shark in the sea goes snap snap snap… (clap your hands)
The fish in the sea go swish swish swish… (move hands like a fish)
The boats in the sea go toot toot toot… (pull down like a horn)