

TEXAS STATE SUNBEAMS

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Dear State Sunbeam "Divers",

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I'm so excited about our 2018/2019 Sunbeam Houseparty!
Remember, it will be in June this year (28th/29th). We will be
Diving into God's word and learning about God's sea creatures.
Our Houseparty is going to be so much fun!

You need to prepare for the "Dive" this summer. Dive into:

1. Praying for the Houseparty (preparation, attendance)
2. Raising Project money for a water well for missions.

(A counselor meeting suggestion was that each Sunbeam group
prepare water wells for project money collection.)

3. Inviting all your church Sunbeams and other friends to
attend the Houseparty at Jacksonville College.

I've prepared a Sunbeam "Dive In" Sea Creature 2019 monthly
coloring booklet on the Sunbeam webpage. Ask your Sunbeam
counselor or parents to print it out for you.

Remember a "Diver" has to be prepared!
Your Texas Sunbeam Promoter,
Ms. Koonce

My Sunbeam
Diving
In
Sea Creature Booklet

Texas State Sunbeams 2018-2019

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life"...

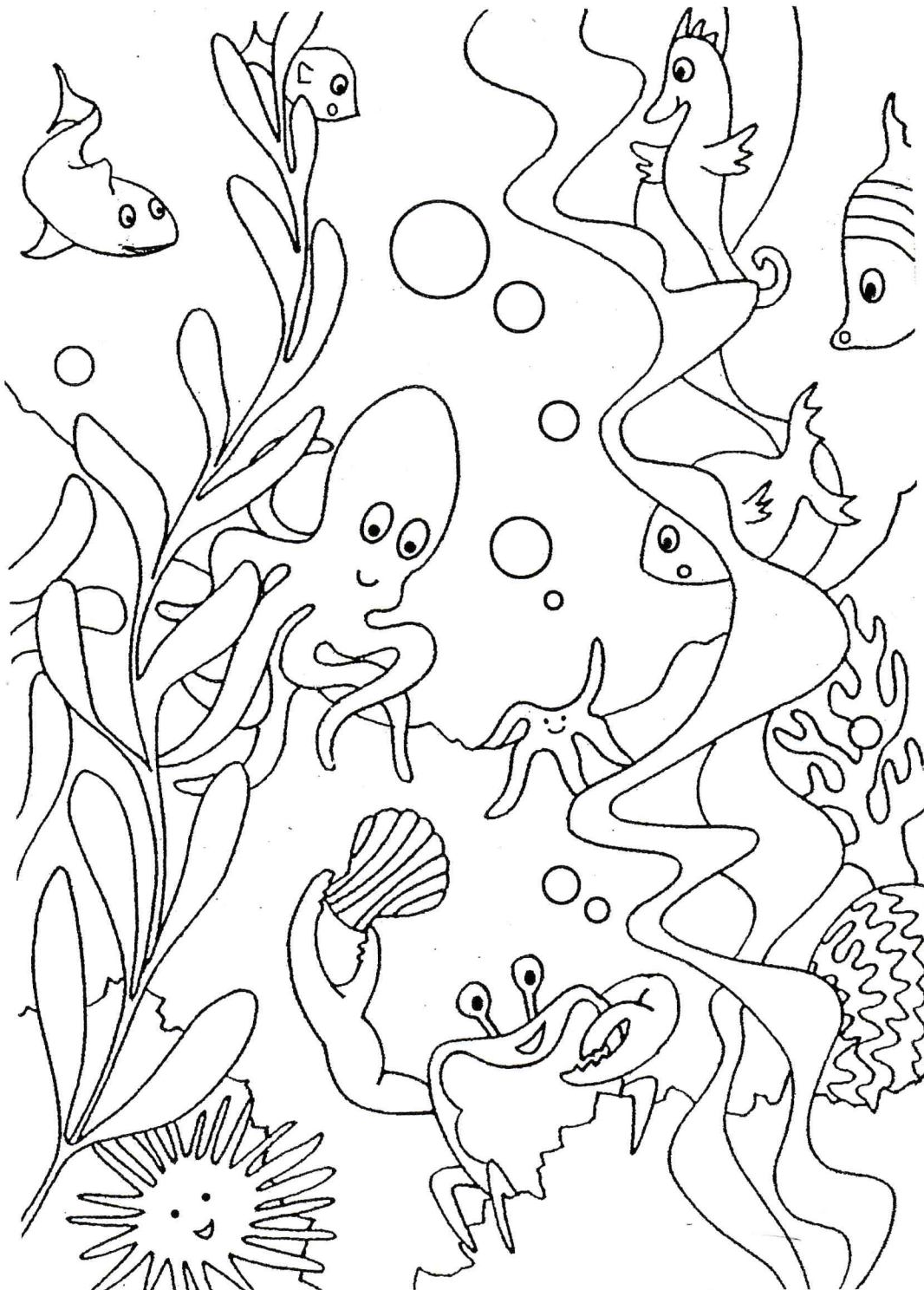
And God created great whales and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly. Genesis 1:20a, 21a

January

All of God's creatures are special.

Sunbeams are very special.

God's word says, "...I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." Psalms 139:14



Locate and color:

Sea Weed
Sea Urchin
Sea Horse
Shark
Clam
Octopus
Starfish
Crab
Coral
3 Fish

February

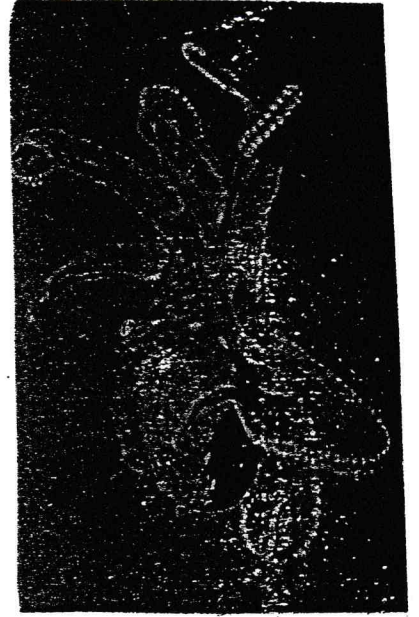
This Octopus is ready to give you a great big
Valentine's Day hug.

Did you know:

1. Octopus have bulbous heads, large eyes, 8 legs with suckers and 3 hearts with light blue blood.
2. They can squirt out an ink substance on its predator to get away.
3. They have great eyesight, but are deaf.
4. They are considered the most intelligent of all invertebrates (animals with no bones). They have great problem solving skills to escape from predators (animal hunting another for food) or to catch its prey (the hunted food for another).

"...Love the Lord... with all thine heart..."

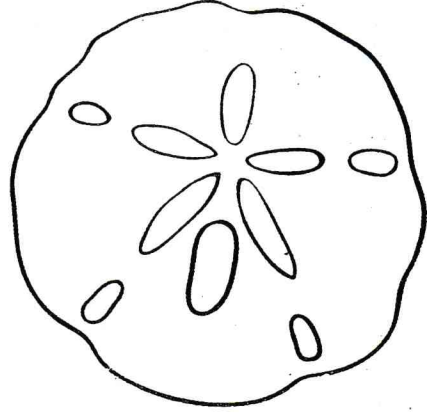
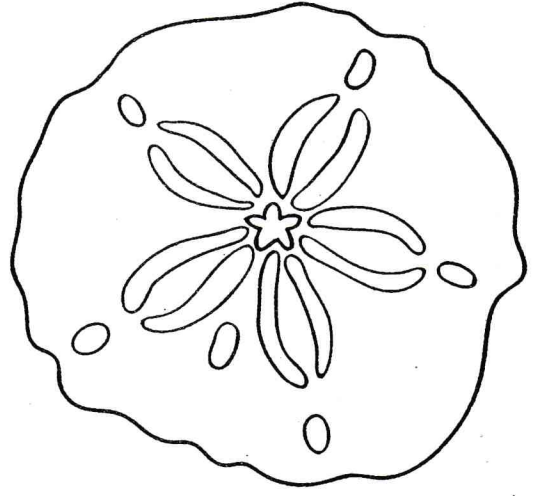
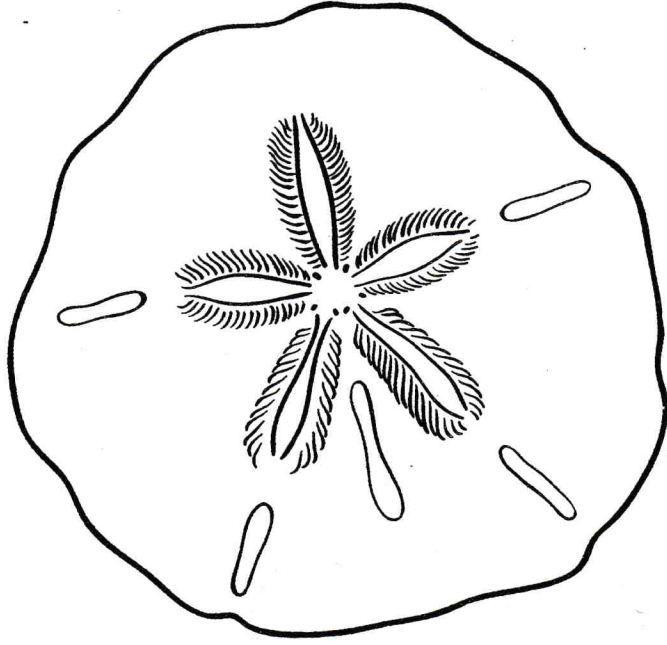
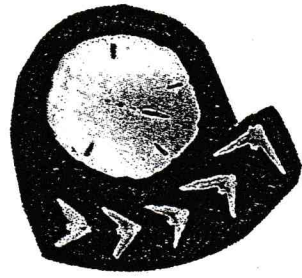
Deuteronomy 30:6



March

You can use these sand dollars to tell others about God as St. Patrick used the 3 Leaf Clover to tell others about the Trinity of God.

The Sand Dollar resembles a coin. It is a living creature with tiny colored hairs or spines underneath. They move with these spines and use them to move food to their mouth. Dead sand dollars are white. The top part of its shell has a star-like design that can represent an Easter Lily or the Bethlehem Star. The 5 slits can remind us of the 4 nails and spear that were used on Jesus on the cross. The under side can remind us of the Poinsettia, the Christmas flower. If broken, 5 replicas of a dove are found.



April

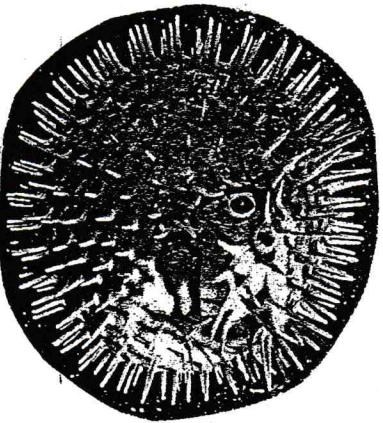
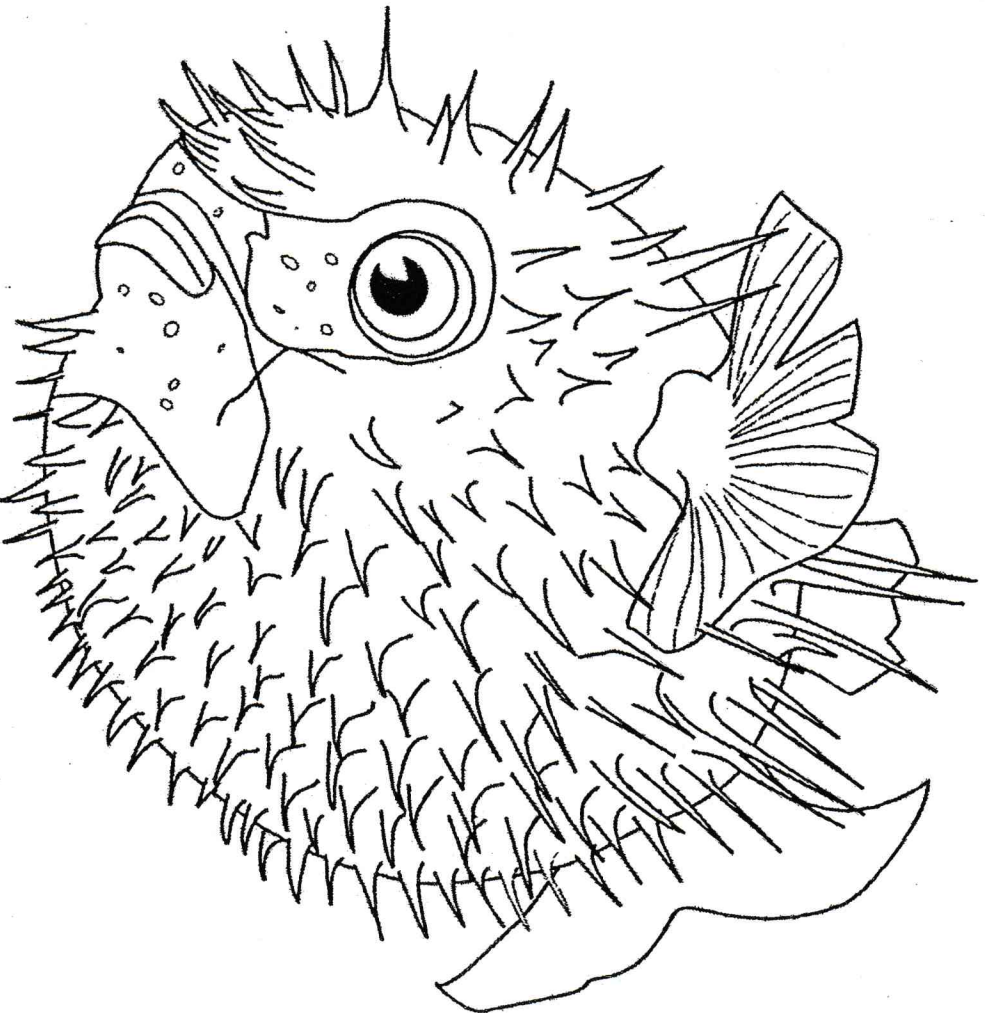
Have you ever found an egg with prickles on an Easter Egg Hunt? Color your Puffer Fish like an Easter Egg.

Did you know:

1. Puffer Fish are slow, but can use its tail fin for rapid short bursts of speed. If unable to get away from a predator, it puffs up, extending its poisonous sharp spines.
2. It can move its eyes independently.
3. Like a Chameleon, the Puffer Fish can alter its color to blend with its environment.

We want to love and live like our Risen Savior. His love was kind, he did not covet (want what others have) and was not arrogant ("Think you are all that").

"Charity... is kind, charity envieth not; charity... is not puffed up;" 1 Corinthians 13:4



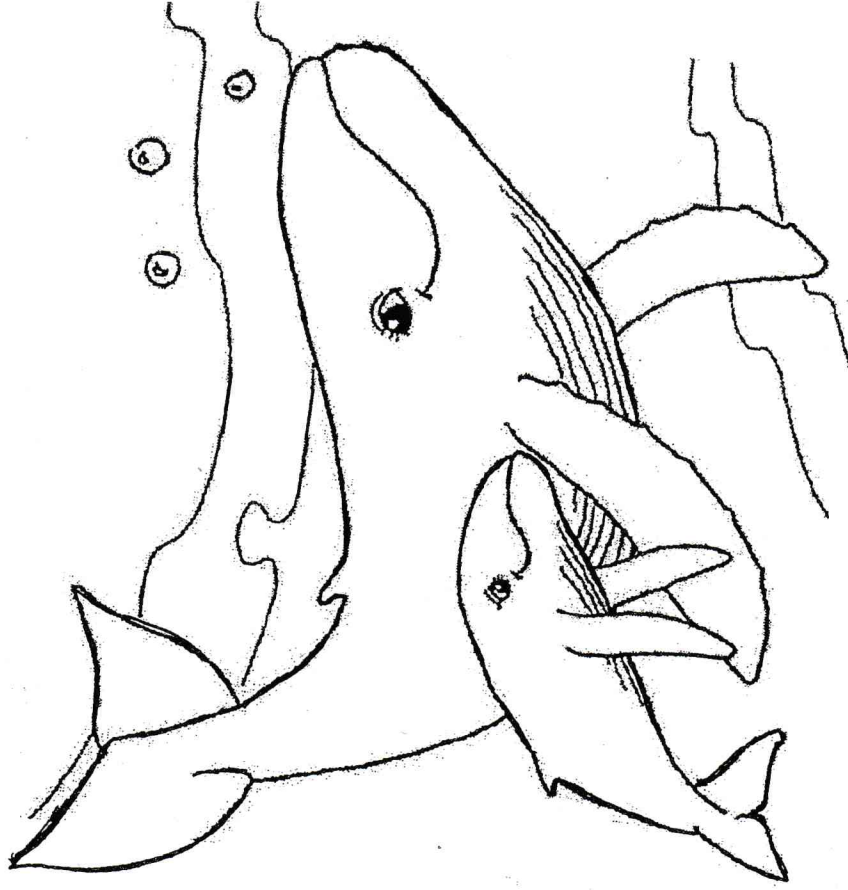
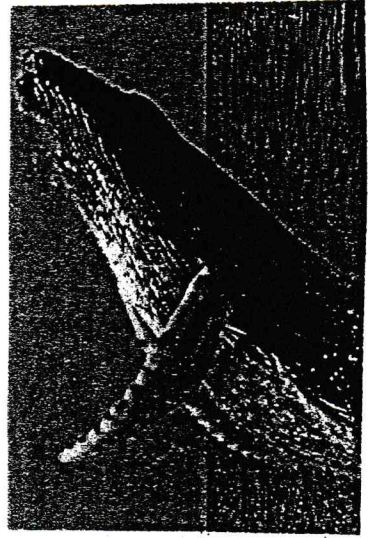


This Mamma and Baby Whale are singing on Mother's Day. You may want to draw music notes coming out of their mouths.

Did you know:

1. Whales are the largest animals that have ever lived (including dinosaurs).
2. They are mammals. They breathe through a blowhole on the top of their back.
3. There are 2 kinds of whales, those with teeth and those without teeth.
4. Whales are the loudest animals in the world. They make sounds called a whale song.

"...let us sing unto the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise..." Psalm 95:1



June

What looks like a horse, has a pouch like a kangaroo, a tail like a monkey and eyes like a chameleon? A Sea Horse

Did you know:

1. The above characteristics.
2. They swim horizontally (up & down) instead of vertically (sideways) like most fish.
3. Their long snout sucks in food.
4. The mother Sea Horse deposits her eggs in the daddy Sea Horse's pouch to hatch from.

This Father's Day, remember to thank your heavenly Father for your earthly Father and all that each gives to you.

"If you... know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven five good things to them that ask him?" Matthew 7:11

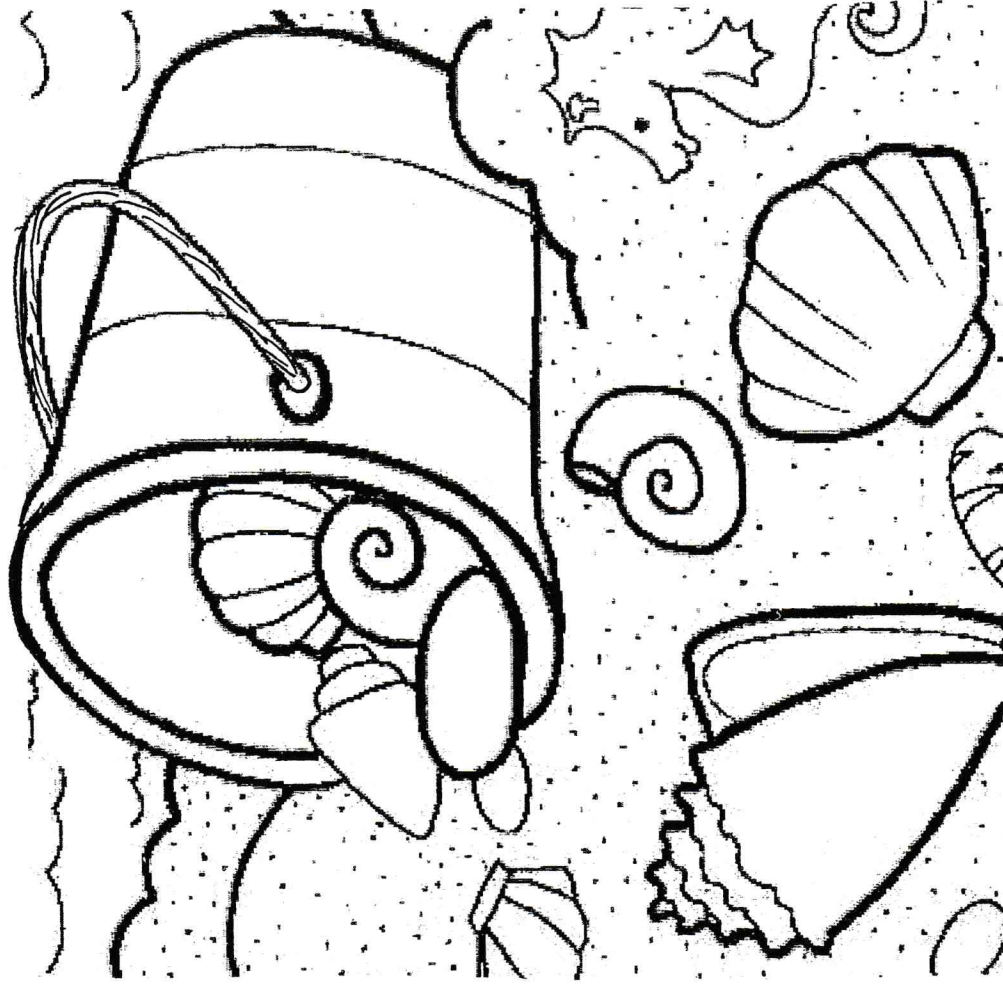


July

Everyone likes to celebrate special days, like the Fourth of July. We use fireworks to show our excitement to be free as a country. That freedom came from the bravery of many; some who even died. We have freedom from sin and the gift of salvation through the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A Seashell is the outside shell or skeleton of a creature that has died or left. A seashell protected the creature that lived there. When the creature went inside the shell, predators could not reach it. We are protected by God. We are safe in his hands. We can use an empty seashell as an example of how Jesus was once in a tomb, but he left. Also, if you place a seashell to your ear, you may hear the sounds of the ocean; the home the seashell came from. Let's fill the ears of our family and friends and tell them about Jesus and the home we have in heaven.

Can you think of other ways seashells can be used to tell others of Jesus and the freedom he sacrificed for us?



August

Are you ready to go back to school?
Wouldn't it be fun to walk to school with a group
of your friends? Working and playing is more
fun when you are surrounded by your friends!

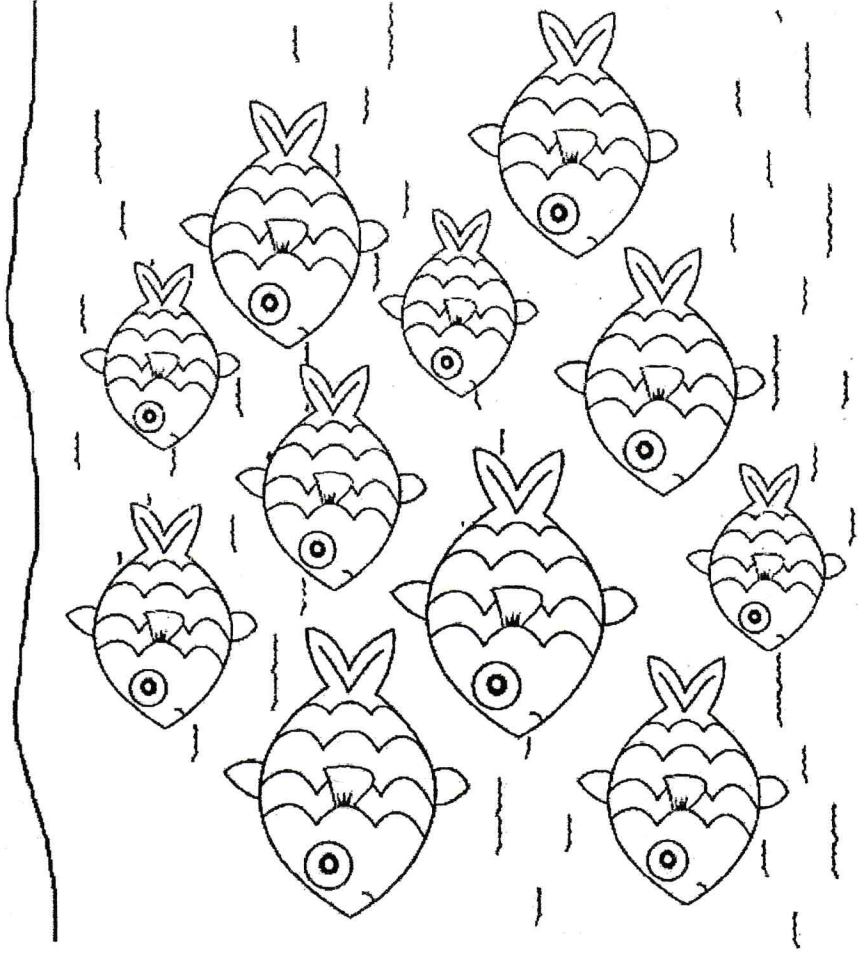
Did you know that fish do that? They sometimes
swim in a group with other fish. A group of fish
is called a school. Some fish gather in schools so
they are harder to catch. A predator will get
confused when attacking a school and sometimes
can't catch any fish at all.

Traveling and playing in groups is not only fun
for us, but can add protection.

"Two are better than one... For if they fall, the
one will lift up his fellow..."

Ecclesiastes 4:9a, 10a

a school of fish



September

Can you tell a shark and a dolphin apart?

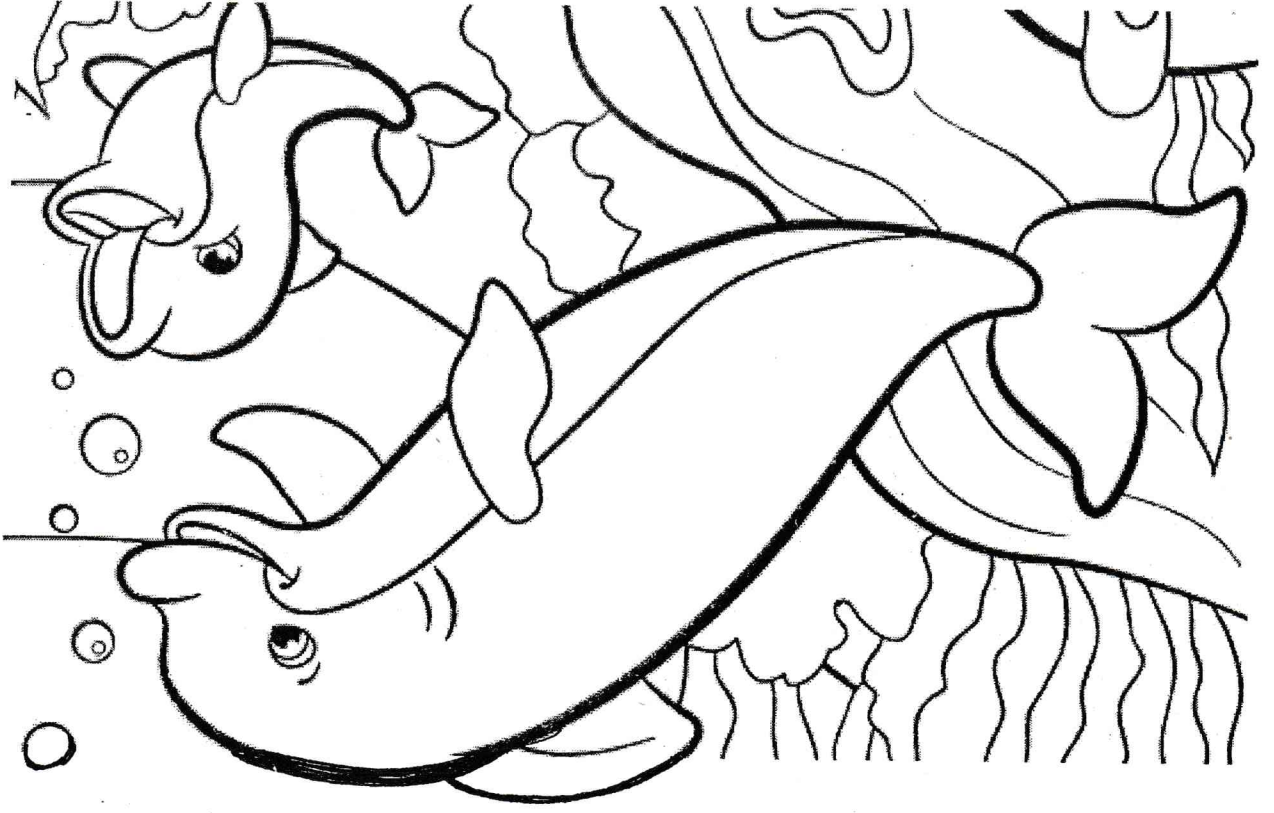
Dolphins have a fin similar to a shark, but are not dangerous to humans. In fact, dolphins are friendly and playful and can easily be trained to do tricks. That's not true of sharks!

Dolphins are carnivorous like sharks, but only eat small fish and squid. Sharks are smart, but dolphins are considered the most intelligent of all animals.

As you go to school, you must be on guard to those who may want to deceive, cheat, or hurt you. Choose the dolphin friends, not the shark friends.

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 2

Corinthians 11:13-14



October

Your life "light" shows who you really are. If you are grumpy and mad all the time, you show that with your face and words. If you are rude and selfish, people notice and avoid being with you. But, if you are kind, respectful, loving, sharing, people want to be with you. They like you! So, let your life "light" shine out good behavior and words. People will think you are a friend of Jesus, because you act like him!

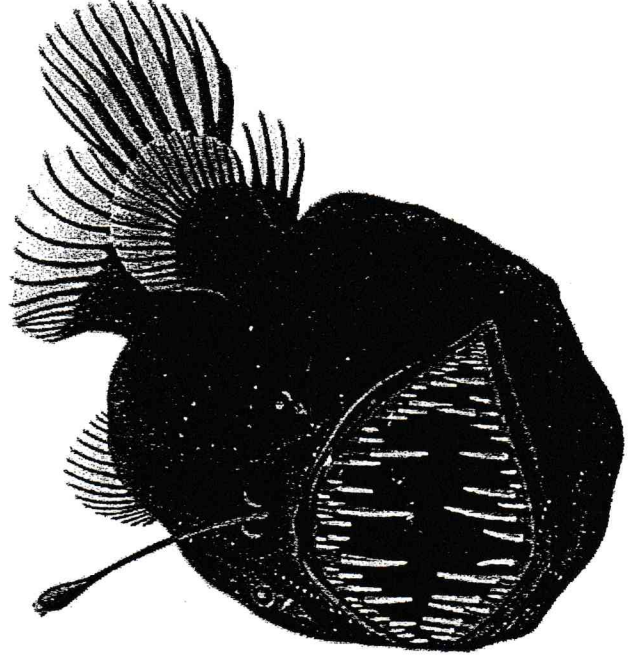
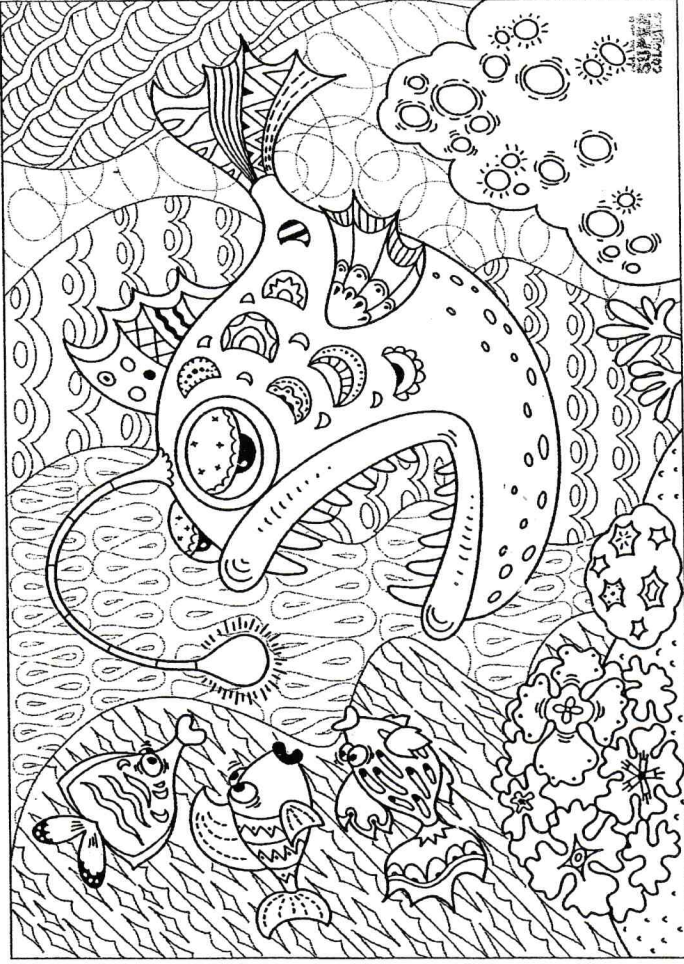
The Angler Fish lets its light shine from a piece of dorsal spine that overhangs above their mouth that looks like a fishing pole. The light shows a mean, angry-looking face. They have ferocious teeth that easily catch any prey that comes to "check out" their light. Angler Fish are scary looking and they really frighten me. How about you?

Did you know that:

1. The Angler Fish uses his light to tempt its prey. His body is so flexible that it can eat a prey twice its size.
2. Angler Fish travel in groups called a school.
3. They are carnivorous.
4. An adult Angler Fish can grow to 3 feet long and weigh 100 pounds.

MATTHEW 5:16:

**"LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN,
THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND
GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN."**



November

"Jesus saith unto them (his disciples), Come and dine... Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread and giveth them and fish likewise." John 21:12a, 13

Jesus gave his disciples fish and bread to eat. God gives us our food each day. He provides everything we need and many things we want.

As you follow the dot-to-dot on your picture, write down things that God has given you. These are things to be Thankful for. Now color.

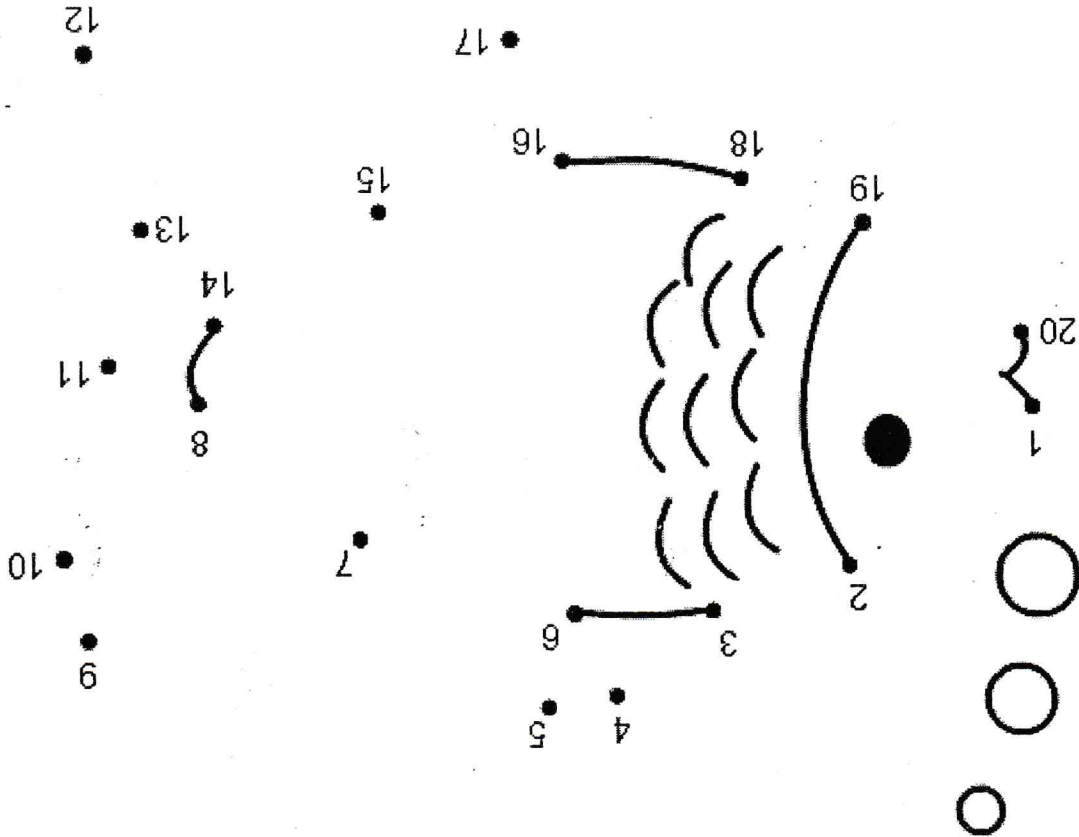
I am Thankful for:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____
9. _____ 10. _____

(Your may want to list more on the back.)

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1

Thessalonians 5:18



December MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Do you know which sea creature reminds me of the Star of Bethlehem? A Starfish or Sea Star

Starfish are not really fish. They have an outside skeleton instead of bones. They cannot swim like fish, but have tiny projections underneath called tube feet that allow them to move in the sand. They do not breathe using gills, but take in oxygen as they move through the water. When the Starfish dies, it washes up on shore for us to enjoy like other seashells.

Did you know: (Starfish and Sea Star are the same creature)

1. Starfish come in a variety of colors and patterns.
2. Some Sea Stars have 5, 11, 14, some even 40 arms.
3. Starfish can regenerate lost arms. It takes about 1 year to grow a new one.
4. Sea Stars have 2 stomachs. After the tube feet open the shell of its prey, the outside stomach is extended into the shell to pull food inside to the inside stomach.

"...WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST, AND ARE COME TO WORSHIP HIM." Matthew 2:20

