



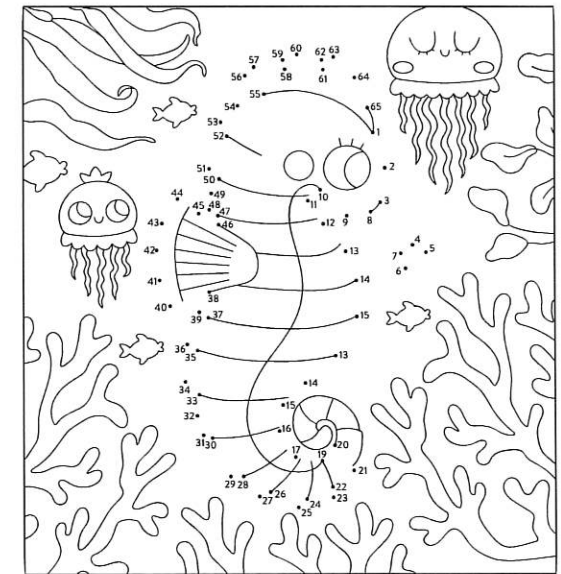
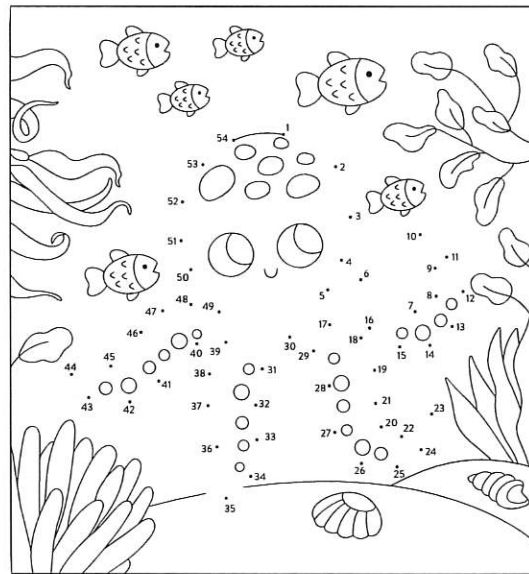
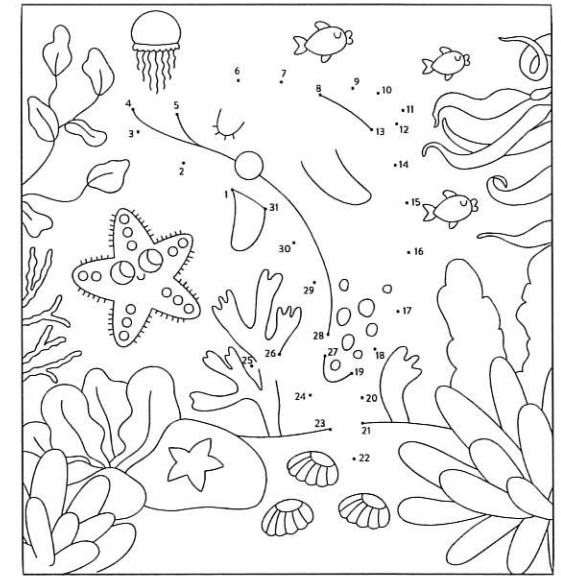
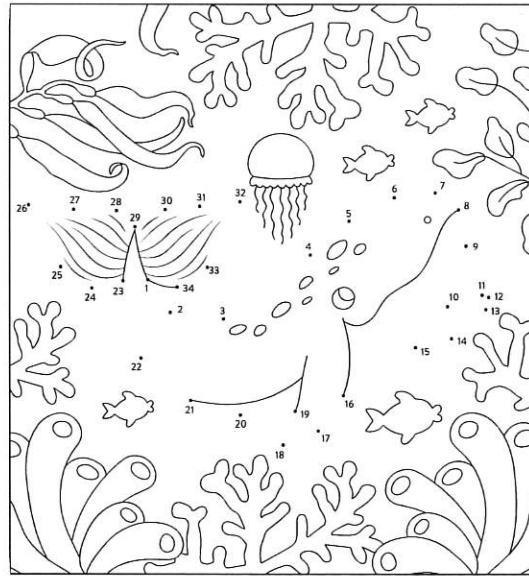
## 2 Care for Water

### WAYS TO PRACTICE AT HOME

As a staple of life itself, everyone can draw upon experiences with water—from hygiene and cleaning, to nutrition and hydration, to recreation and creativity, and even to its scarcity. Water is fundamental for all living things in the world. Beyond appreciating the varied ways that we use water, we need to challenge ourselves for ways to conserve and protect water on earth.

- Together watch the YouTube video “Water Saving Tips and Tricks—Let’s Save the Planet—The Environment for Kids” ([bit.ly/FMWaterSavingTips](https://bit.ly/FMWaterSavingTips), 3:11). Check the water sources in your home for drips or leaks, and fix them. Have each family member commit to one or more water-saving tips and choose one or more tips to try as a whole family.
- Obtain reusable water bottles for each family member. Decorate them with paint pens and stickers so that each family member knows which bottle is theirs. Encourage everyone to use their water bottle to drink water every day.
- Visit an aquarium or watch the YouTube video “How Human Activities Affect Marine Life (2020)—EcoBravo” ([bit.ly/FMHowHumans](https://bit.ly/FMHowHumans), 6:22) to learn about life in the waters of the earth and their dependence on good practices by humans. Consider what your family can do to reduce its use of plastics, and to recycle those that are used responsibly.

Dear God, thank you for the gift of life through water. Help us to do our part to conserve and protect the waters so that all—people, animals, plants, life in the waters—may have access to clean, healthy water. Amen.



**What sea creature is hiding in the ocean?**



## BIBLE STORY

Based on Genesis 1:6–10, 20–23; John 4:5–15

How did the world start?

That is a big question!

The Bible has a story that imagines how it might have happened!

In the beginning, the world did not have a shape. The world did not have a color. There was nothing at all, so God created.

God spoke and there was light and darkness, seasons and time, earth and sky, wind and water.

“What good things!” God said.

And here’s what happened next.

God separated the waters with sky. There were waters in the sky like rain and clouds, snow and sleet. There were waters under the sky, separated from the land. The waters were seas and oceans, lakes and rivers, ponds and streams, and puddles. They were full of life: fish and sea creatures, reefs and seaweed, and tiny organisms only God could see. These were the living waters that God created.

Many years later, God’s son, Jesus, met a woman at a well. This woman and Jesus talked. She wanted to know more, and Jesus told her who he was. Jesus promised her and people he met that God would give them living waters!

With God’s creation all around us and God’s love flowing through us, we, too, are given God’s living waters. We can be thankful for the promise that God’s people can always be filled and refreshed with God’s Spirit.

God did so much creating—but God was not done yet. There would be another day coming for more of God’s good creation!

