



Meeting 12 Whales



Here are three fun ways that you can help Sunbeams earn the Whale award. Adapt them to meet the needs of your Sunbeams or create your own activities.





The following activities partially complete the requirements for the Whale award.

ACTIVITY

1

Baby Beluga

10
MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Begin by telling the Sunbeams that whales love to sing. Show a video of whales singing. Then teach the children “Baby Beluga.”

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Video of whales singing; check out kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/animals/creaturefeature/blue-whales or search “whales singing” or “whale song” on YouTube.com
- Music and lyrics to “Baby Beluga” by Raffi Cavoukian; find the lyrics at metrolyrics.com/baby-beluga-lyrics-raffi.html or listen to it on YouTube.com



Fun Facts About Whales

20
MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

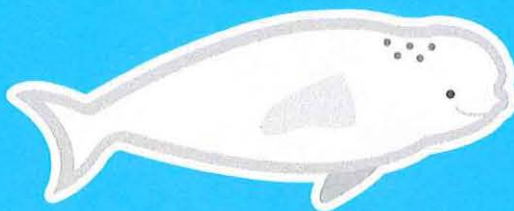
Share fun facts about whales with the Sunbeams. As you share a fact, write it briefly on a board or large sheet of paper so the children can see it. When you are done sharing the information with the children, have them make a poster of their favorite facts about whales. On the poster they can write fun whale facts with markers or glitter glue, attach pictures of whales, draw whales and other ocean animals, and attach ocean stickers.

2

ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Go to whale-world.com/facts-about-whales-for-kids/ for whale facts or check out a book from your local library
- Poster board
- Pictures of whales (from old magazines or the Internet)
- Glitter glue
- Markers
- Ocean stickers (shells, waves, starfish, fish, etc.)
- Dry erase board or large sheet of paper
- Marker



ACTIVITY

3

Whale Craft

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MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

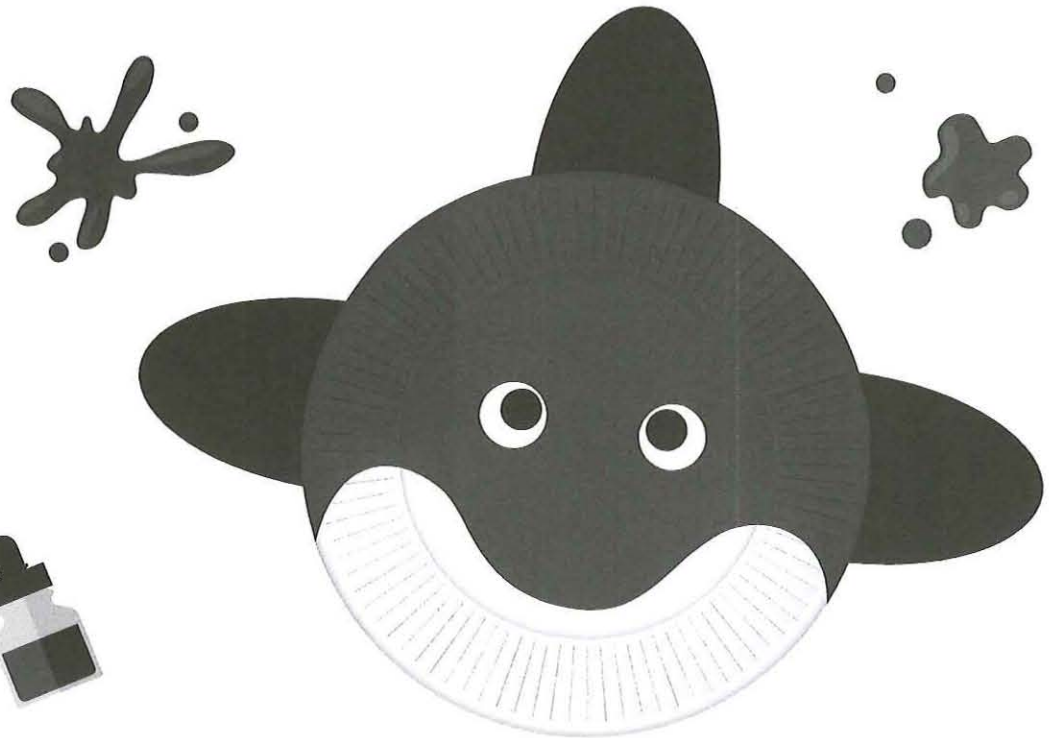
Ahead of time: Draw a curved line on the lower part of the back of a paper plate. Below the line the children will leave the plate white. Above the line the children will paint the plate black.

Draw three ovals onto black construction paper for each child. These ovals will form the tail.

Show the Sunbeams a completed whale. First, cut out the three ovals from black construction paper. Second, glue the tail onto the paper plate (one on each side of the plate and one on top). Third, paint the paper plate, above the line, black. Last, glue on the eyes after the paint has dried.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- White paper plates
- Black construction paper
- Black tempera paint
- Paintbrushes
- Googly eyes
- Craft glue



Award: Whale

To complete this award, check the requirements on p. 136 and add activities as needed.