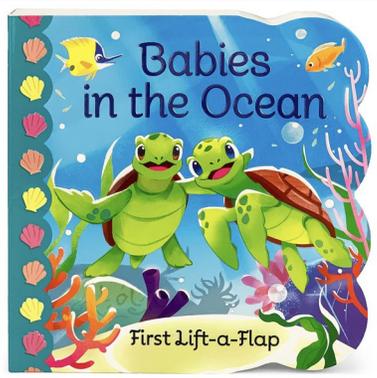


# Under the Sea

**Book to add to your child's library:** *Babies in the Ocean* by Ginger Swift



## BABY GAMES & LANGUAGE

### Ocean Vocabulary Time

Look through an ocean-themed book and introduce simple words slowly and clearly:

- Fish
- Whale
- Splash
- Water
- Blue
- Shell
- Bubble
- Bubble Talk

### Blow bubbles

Encourage baby to reach and track with their eyes. Say "Pop!" "Up!" "Down!" "More bubbles?"

### Texture Talk

Show different textures:

Soft plush fish  
Smooth shell  
Wet washcloth  
Bumpy bath toy

Describe:

- "Soft fish."
- "Wet water."
- "Cold shell."

## EXPLORATION

### Ocean Sensory Basket

Fill a shallow bin with:

- Blue scarf or fabric (ocean)
- Plastic sea animals
- Measuring cups
- Large shells

Let baby:

- Touch
- Grab
- Mouth safely
- Explore freely

### Warm & Cool Water Play

Using two bowls, one with slightly warm water and one with slightly cold water. Dip baby's fingers gently and say: "Warm water." "Cool water."

## MUSIC & MOVEMENT

### Row Your Boat

*(Gently sway with baby on your lap)*

Row row row your boat,  
Gently down the stream,  
Merrily merrily merrily merrily,  
Life is such a dream.

Row row row your boat,  
Gently down the stream,  
If you see a crocodile,  
Don't forget to scream!

### Once I Caught a Fish Alive

1, 2, 3, 4, 5,  
Once I caught a fish alive,  
6, 7, 8, 9, 10,  
Then I let him go again.  
Why did you let him go?  
Because he bit my finger so.  
Which finger did he bite?  
This little finger on my right.  
*(wiggle right pinky finger)*

### The Waves in the Sea

*(Tune of The Wheels on the Bus)*  
The waves in the sea go,  
Up and down,  
*(make a rolling wave by moving one hand up and down)*  
Up and down,  
Up and down,  
The waves in the sea go,  
Up and down,  
All day long.

## RELATIONSHIP BUILDING / BONDING

### Bath Time Connection

say:

"I see you."

During bath time:

"You love the water!"

Pour water gently over baby's hands

Connection during routines builds security.

Say "Splash!"

Laugh together

Look into baby's eyes and