

DAY 1

Seascape Snacks

Ingredients (24 servings)

- 2 large boxes blue gelatin
- 3–4 gummy fruit snacks per child (shaped like sea creatures—see Tip Corner)
- 10-oz. container whipped topping

Tropical Punch Drink Ingredients

- Store bought tropical punch drink, such as Hawaiian Punch®

Basic Supplies

- 5-oz. clear plastic tumbler cups, 1 per child
- Mixing bowl
- Measuring cups
- Mixing spoon or spatula
- Piping bags or zippered baggies and scissors
- Paper and marker to write number from Teaching Tie-In, and gallon-sized container for a visual
- Napkins, spoons, and cups, 1 of each per child

Pre-prep

1. Prepare the gelatin according to package directions by mixing the gelatin with boiling water and then cold water.
2. Pour about half the liquid gelatin into clear tumbler cups until each is approximately half full. Chill in the refrigerator until set, about four hours.
3. Hold the remaining gelatin at room temperature so it doesn't set.
4. Place two or three sea creature gummy snacks into the solidified gelatin, then top each cup with some of the remaining liquid gelatin.
5. Return to the refrigerator and let set again.
6. Before serving, put the whipped topping into piping bags or zippered baggies that have the corner snipped off. Pipe a small amount on top of each gelatin cup to represent waves. Add one more gummy to the top of the waves.



7. Write the number mentioned in the Teaching Tie-In on a piece of paper. Put it with the gallon-sized container.

Teaching Tie-In

Today's snack looks like a mini ocean with sea creatures, water, and waves. Did you know the ocean has enough water in it to fill this number (show the number 352,670,000,000,000,000,000) of gallon-sized containers? Show the gallon-sized container. Wow, that's a lot of water! That's such a big number, it's challenging to even know how to say it! (It's about 353 million, million, million.)

The incredible thing is that God knows where every one of those gallons of water is, how many drops are taken out when someone fills a sand pail with water, how many drops land in the sand when someone spills some, and how many drops are added into the ocean when it rains. Wow!

Now think of this: If every gallon of water in the ocean—that great big number—stands for a word to describe God, like gallon one stands for God is great, the next gallon stands for God is loving, and so forth, guess what? There wouldn't be enough gallons to describe God! He's that great! Wow!

Thank God for the Seascape Snacks and eat.

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While eating, share the Conversation Starters and WOW Facts that follow.

Conversation Starters

- Have you ever been to the ocean?
- Can you think of any sea creatures God made?
- Do you like going to museums? Did you know the ocean is the world's largest museum—by far? There's more stuff from history in the sea than in all the world's museums combined. How, you say? Well, think of all those shipwrecks, torpedoed submarines, treasures, and other items that end up at the bottom of the sea. That's a lot of stuff!

WOW Facts

- Sunlight doesn't reach all the way to the bottom of the ocean, but God designed the sea creatures that live deep down in the darkest parts to be able to survive without sunlight. Many of them don't even have eyes, like jellyfish and squid, because they don't need them. Wow!
- Other deep sea creatures have built-in lights, called bioluminescence, that God designed so they are able to light up their dark area. God thought of everything. Wow!

Another option is to check with the Lighthouse Lesson teachers before VBS begins to see if they plan to do small group time during Lighthouse Lessons. If not, ask them for the Day 1 Discussion Sheets and chat through those during snack time. They have good conversation starters.

Tip Corner

- We used Kroger Sea Creatures Fruit Snacks® for our gummy sea creatures, but any gummy sea creature can work. There were about 60 in a box.
- If you have time, the kids can pipe whipped topping on the top of their snacks.

Super Simple Options

Pre-packaged Blue Gelatin Cups—Purchase individual gelatin cups at the grocery store and add a little whipped topping and/or sea creature gummies to the top. Use the same Teaching Tie-In that's on p. 11.

Chameleon Tongues—Purchase Fruit by the Foot® in rolls, preferably the kind that has a variety of colors on each roll. Give one to each child and discuss how a chameleon's tongue is long and rolled, and how a chameleon changes colors like this Fruit by the Foot® does. God, however, does not change ever, in any way.

Pretzel Rod 1—Purchase a bag of pretzel rods and give each person one. Ask what number the pretzel rod represents. Discuss how there is only one God.

Healthy Options

Salty Palms—This cute and nutritious snack requires green apples and 2-inch-long, chunky pretzel sticks. The pretzel stick represents the trunk of the palm tree. Place a few apple slices at the top to represent the leaves of the tree. See illustration on page 29.

You may want to “cement” the leaves in place at the top of the tree using a little cream cheese or vanilla frosting.

Sunshine Whip—Stir together a 32-oz. pineapple Greek yogurt and a 14-oz. can of crushed pineapple. Put the mixture in the freezer. Occasionally stir with a fork to break up the ice, creating crushed ice. Spoon the mixture into small, clear tumbler cups and garnish with a wedge of pineapple. Serve with a yellow spoon. See illustration on page 29.

Toddler Options

Check the Toddler Snacks on page 7 for two daily suggested snacks with Teaching Tie-Ins and illustrations. Some are new suggestions, and some are revisions of these snacks.

If you decide to serve any of the options written in the rest of the book, make sure they are safe for toddlers and are not choking hazards.

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