

## 2 – 4 Year Olds Children's Meeting

### LESSON 19            Sea Life – Sea Turtles

**TEACHERS:** read and pray Gen 1:20-23.

**OPENING TIME:** Songs from Toddler song book--focus on God's creation

**BIBLE VERSE:** "And God said, let the waters swarm with swarms of living animals."  
GEN 1:20

#### LESSON

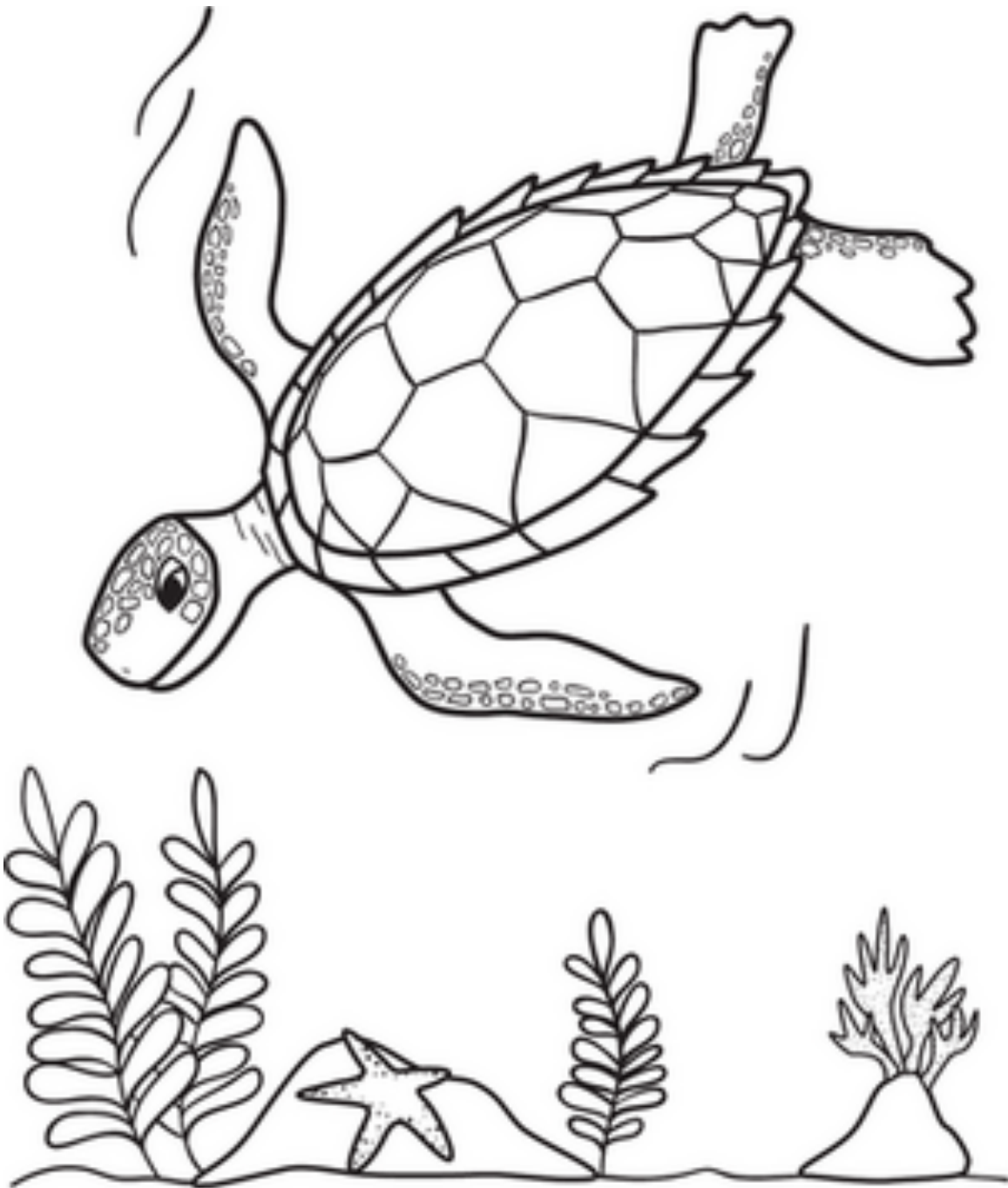
1. Sea turtles are born from eggs.
2. The Mother turtle comes to the same beach each year to lay her eggs. There are special beaches in Florida to which the Mother returns to lay her eggs.
3. She buries her eggs in the sand and returns to the sea. When the baby turtles hatch from their egg they have a special tooth called a carbuncle that helps them break open their egg. (Later all turtles are toothless and crush their food with their beak) It may take 3-7 days for the baby turtle to dig to the surface of the sand. The baby turtles wait until night to come out of their nest because it is the safe time to make the trip to the sea. They travel in groups to the sea.
4. The legs and necks of sea turtles are non-retractable so they can be strong swimmers. This means their legs and necks cannot be pulled inside their shells.
5. There are at least 6 different types of sea turtles and they are different colors!
6. Sea turtles may live to be 80 years old.
7. The mother sea turtle is dependable. She will return every year to the same beach to lay her eggs. This dependability is like God's and also like our parents'. God can be depended upon to cause the sun to come up each morning. Your parents can be depended upon to care for you with food, a special home, toys and to help you find good friends.

#### ACTIVITIES

**Coloring page**

**Craft:**





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