



PASS THE PARCEL - SEALIFE

Materials you need:

- Pictures of sea animals or things you find at the beach (you could also use real items and figurines if you have them).
- Newspaper or butcher's paper for wrapping

Setup for play:

- Just like the traditional party game you are going to play pass the parcel but inside each layer include a picture, object or figurine. Ensure you have enough layers of paper for all children to have a go.
- Pass the parcel around a circle and take turns unwrapping a layer of paper when the music or clapping stops.
- See who can identify or tell you something about the sea animal found in their layer.
- Have a basket of books close by so you can look up more information about each item.

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What are they learning with this activity?

As the children play pass the parcel and identify sea life they are learning to:

- Work together in a group with others
- Listen to and follow directions
- Use hand/eye coordination skills and demonstrate spatial awareness
- Strengthen fine motor muscles and control
- Recognise symbols and how things can represent other things
- Recognise basic counting and number concepts
- Use their senses to explore natural materials
- Use language and sound to communicate their thinking
- Understand the interdependence between land, plants and people.

Extending the play:

- Hide the pictures or figures around the outdoor yard and go on a 'seahunt'.
- Freeze the items or pictures inside a cup of ice, add to a few trays the next day along with some jugs of warm water and encourage the children to melt the ice so they can get to the treasures inside.

