**Five Little Fish**  
(Warren/ Best of Totline)  
Five little fish swimming by the shore.  
One got caught, and then there were four.  
Four little fish swimming in the sea.  
One got caught, and then there were three.  
Three little fish swimming in the blue.  
One got caught, and then there were two.  
Two little fish swimming in the sun.  
One got caught, and then there was one.  
One little fish swimming for home  
Decided it was best never to roam.  
*This rhyme can be used with finger puppets or a flannel board.*

**I’m a Little Dolphin**  
(Mary Marshall)  
Tune: “I’m a Little Teapot”  
I’m a little dolphin  
I can spin. *[spin in circle]*  
Here are my flippers. *[show arms]*  
Here is my fin. *[show back]*  
When I want to have fun,  
Then I grin. *[smile widely]*  
Click and whistle  
*[make clicking and whistling sounds]*  
And dive right in.  
*[put arms together and make diving motion]*
Dolphin Pokey
(Mary Marshall)
Tune: “Hokey Pokey”

I put my flippers in. [put arms in]
I put my flippers out. [put arms out]
I put my flippers in [put arms in]
And shake them all about.
I do the dolphin pokey
And I spin myself around. [spin around]
That’s what it’s all about.

I put my long snout in. [put nose in]
I put my long snout out. [put nose out]
I put my long snout in [put nose in]
And shake it all about.
I do the dolphin pokey
And I spin myself around. [spin around]
That’s what it’s all about.

I put my dorsal fin in. [put back in]
I put my dorsal fin out. [put back out]
I put my dorsal fin in. [put back in]
And shake it all about.
I do the dolphin pokey
And I spin myself around. [spin around]
That’s what it’s all about.

I put my dolphin-self in. [put whole self in]
I put my dolphin-self out. [put whole self out]
I put my dolphin-self in [put whole self in]
And shake it all about.
I do the dolphin pokey
And I spin myself around. [spin around]
That’s what it’s all about.
Five Little Fishes
(Best of Mailbox Songs, Poems and Fingerplays)

Five little fishes,
Swimming in the sea.
Teasing Mr. Shark,
“You can’t catch me!”
Along comes Mr. Shark,
As quiet as can be…
Snap!
Four little fishes,
Swimming in the sea.

Additional verses: count down until there are no little fishes.

Do You Have the Little Fish?
(Mary Marshall)
Tune: “Do You Know the Muffin Man?”

Oh, do you have the little fish, the little fish, the little fish?
Oh, if you have the little fish,
Then swim it right to me. [have puppet make swimming motion]

Oh, do you have the small seahorse, the small seahorse, the small seahorse?
Oh, if you have the small seahorse,
Then swim it right to me. [have puppet make swimming motion]

Oh, do you have the sea otter, the sea otter, the sea otter?
Oh, if you have the sea otter,
Then swim it right to me. [have puppet make swimming motion]

Oh, do you have the pink starfish, the pink starfish, the pink starfish?
Oh, if you have the pink starfish,
Then swim it right to me. [have puppet make swimming motion]

Oh, do you have the gray stingray, the gray stingray, the gray stingray?
Oh, if you have the gray stingray,
Then swim it right to me. [have puppet make swimming motion]

Oh, do you have the white shellfish, the white shellfish, the white shellfish?
Oh, if you have the white shellfish,
Then swim it right to me. [have puppet make swimming motion]

Use with finger puppets or pictures of various sea life.
Counting Little Whales
(Best of Mailbox Songs, Poems, and Fingerplays)

One little whale,
Two little whales,
I can see three blue little whales.

Four little whales,
Five little whales,
I can see six live little whales.

Seven little whales,
Eight little whales,
I can see nine great little whales.

Ten little whales,
Ten little whales,
I can count all ten little whales!

Use fingers to count or a flannel board.

Five Little Seahorses
(Charner/ Giant Encyclopedia of Circle Time)

Five little seahorses
Play on the ocean floor.
One went to swim
And that left four.

Four little seahorses
Live in the sea.
One went to bed
And that left three.

Three little seahorses
In the ocean blue
One went to play
And that left two.

Two little seahorses
Having some fun.
One went home
And that left one.

One little seahorse
Yes, just one,
He swam away
And that left none!
Which fish is different in each row?
Selected Books on the Ocean


Puppets, Puzzles, & Music

Crab Puppet
Disney's *The Little Mermaid* CD
Dolphin Puppet
Fishing Game Puzzle (11 pieces)
Humpback Whale Puppet
Marine Peg Puzzle (9 pieces)
Octopus Puppet
Sea Life Scramble Puzzle (9 pieces)
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“B” Is for Building [building & construction machines]
Beautiful Babies [big brothers, big sisters, & new babies]
    Billions of Bugs [all kinds of insects]
    Birthday Bonanza [celebrating birthdays]
    Bunches of Bears [teddy bears & real bears]
    Cool Cats & Cuddly Kittens [cats & kittens]
    Dazzling Dinosaurs [dinosaurs]
    Fabulous Food [food and eating]
Fascinating Families [all types of families & their members]
    Fun on the Farm [farms & farm animals]
    Helpers & Heroes [community helpers]
    Monster Mania [monsters]
    Pooches by the Pound [dogs & puppies]
    Preschoolers Pretend [imagination & play]
    Rainbows & Stars [colors & shapes]
    Sensational Seasons [the four seasons]
    Sing a Song of Sixpence [music & rhyme]
Spectacular Sea Stories [ocean & sea creatures]
    Trips Around Town [places to visit]
    Wacky Weather [all types of weather]
    Wonderful World of Wheels [transportation]
    Zoo-rific [zoos & zoo animals]

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