



# Tinker Talk

## Ocean Explorer



Side 1

Invite children to explore the contents of the “tub” without any direction other than showing respect for the materials and using them in a designated area or workspace. The question prompts (Side 2) may be used to support the curiosities, conversations, and critical thinking that rise from engagement with the materials. It is up to you the educator to select the questions which are appropriate for your children as they play.

### List of Contents\*

- Variety of sea life figures
- Seashells
- Gemstones
- Craft sticks
- Rainbow Pebbles
- Corks
- Mirror
- Blue felt squares

\*Contents may vary based on availability.  
All substituted materials will be suitable for successful tinkering!

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### Additional Materials You Might Add

- Mini treasure chest
- Pretend coins
- Small boats
- Small mermaid figures
- Rocks
- Sand
- Faux sea plants
- Driftwood or sticks
- Small container of water with salt

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Side 2

The ocean is home to many types of plants and animals. Oceans are huge bodies of salt water that cover most of the earth. Oceanographers are scientists who study and explore all the living things in the ocean. In this kit, explore various ocean animals and ocean life with a collection of materials bound to inspire explorative play and adventures for future oceanographers.

- Have you ever been to an ocean or seen a picture of an ocean? What does it look like? Can you describe the color of the ocean?
- Think about what animals live in an ocean. Do you have a favorite? Tell a story about your favorite animal that lives in the ocean.
- Look at the sea life figures in your kit. What do you think animals need to live in the ocean? What else lives in the ocean?
- There are 5 layers in the ocean. In the deepest layer of the ocean there is no light. What would it be like to live where there is no light?
- What would you need to live at the bottom of the ocean?
- What tools help people explore the ocean?
- What do you know about seashells? What does it feel like to touch a seashell? Do all shells feel the same?
- What are some things that the ocean can do for us?
- What are some ways we can help take care of the ocean?
- A shipwreck is when a large boat or ship sinks to the bottom of the ocean. Tell a story about an adventure discovering a shipwreck! What treasures were found?

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