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Feed The Shark!

Great for ages 5-9

Sharks are the top predators in the oceans, and they hunt for fishes and squids in order to obtain energy! However, scientists have found a lot of things in a shark's stomach like license plates and tires in there. This can be a great way to introduce the topic of garbage in our oceans and what we can do about it to your kids!

Stay at home for long periods of time may have your child raid the toy bin. And with most kids pulling out all their toys, they'll be hard pressed to clean it all up. Making this shark craft can be a good idea to not only give them something to do, but it could also be used as an incentive for them to put away their toys. Slap the shark over the toy bin and tell your kids to "feed the shark!"

If your child is really into making this, make another and put it over a small trash bin or a recycling bin. This could be another great way for you to encourage them to help clean up!

Materials Needed:

- Cardboard
- Glue
- White, grey, and blue paper
- Markers



Steps:

- Cut out the basic shapes out of paper. Depending on the size of your shark, you'll need a large dark grey oval, a more squished lighter grey oval, and then two dark circles for eyes
- Cut out triangular teeth out of sturdy white paper
- Find a sturdy piece of cardboard and cut a hole out of it for the shark's mouth
- Place the cardboard piece over the grey ovals and trace out the shape of mouth. Cut out the mouth
- Glue on the large grey oval, then then smaller grey oval. Then glue on the black circles as eyes, or draw them on with a marker
- Glue on the white triangles around the inside of the sharks mouth to make it come to life!

- Put your shark over any bin and have your kids put things in their place by feeding a shark!

Tips:

- Not all sharks have the same teeth! Research online with your kids to see what kind of teeth they want on their shark!
- Try comparing and contrasting the teeth of great white sharks, sand tiger sharks, whale sharks, and nurse sharks!
- Younger children could be scared by a shark with an open mouth, so change it up to make it a whale, or give the shark a more happy expression!

Source:

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