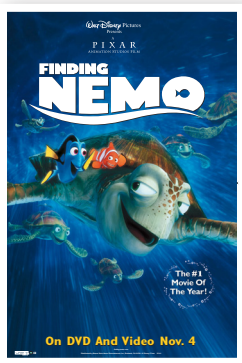




## FINDING NEMO



### Synopsis

Set in the deep blue sea, Marlin is a single father (and a clownfish) who's very protective of his young son, Nemo. In an innocent act of rebellion, Nemo and his friends swim further away from their school than they've ever been allowed to before. Their adventure turns sour when divers plunge into the water and Nemo is captured. So begins the adventure of a lifetime as Nemo discovers a world outside the ocean and Marlin traverses vast expanses of water in search of his son.

### Discussion Questions

- Have you wanted to go somewhere that your parents thought was too dangerous? How did it make you feel when your parents wouldn't let you go there? Think about what happened to Nemo in the movie. Does that make you think differently about why your parents make the rules they do?
- There are many species of fish and ocean life represented in *Finding Nemo*. Which one was your favorite? Was there one that you really disliked? Why?
- Nemo was really scared when he was separated from his Dad. Have you ever gotten lost before? How did you feel when you were separated?
- Nemo learned that his father might have a point sometimes about being more careful, but his father also learned some things on his adventure. What do you think Marlin learned during his trip to save his son?

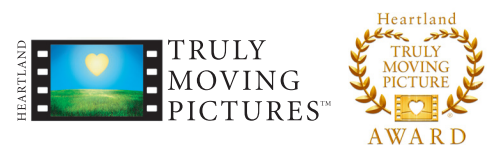
### Activities

- Go to a local zoo or aquarium and see if you can identify any of the fish from the film. Bring a journal to record the species you identify.



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- Imagine all your friends and family are different fish in the ocean (you can even use the ones from the movie). Which kinds of fish would they be and why? You may need to read a little bit more about the types of fish out there so you can discover how some fish traits might be similar to the traits of your family and friends.
- Go with your family, or at least a grown-up (never go alone), to the nearest creek, river or lake with a sketchpad or just some paper. Look for any types of fish or water life in the area. Draw what you find in the water. Do you know what it is already? When you get home try to use your drawings to identify the species of water life you found.

### Get involved

- Fish aren't the only ones who can be separated from their parents. When you hear an Amber Alert on the radio or see a sign, make it a point to keep your eyes and ears open for a child who is missing.
- The coral reefs in areas like Australia have been deteriorating over the years. Raise money for groups who work to preserve the coral reefs, like where Nemo and his dad lived. Here are some sites to help you find the best way to help.
  - Coral Reef Alliance: [www.coral.org/what\\_you\\_can\\_do](http://www.coral.org/what_you_can_do)
  - The Nature Conservancy: [adopt.nature.org/coralreef](http://adopt.nature.org/coralreef)
  - The EPA Habitat Protection: [www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/coral](http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/coral)



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