



Surf Soup: Plastic Soup – Trash Out, Surf On!

Reader & Activity Guide

Think & Talk (Discussion Starters):

Why do you think Plastic Man didn't realize throwing jars into the ocean was a problem?

How did Koa and EggOh use creativity instead of just anger to solve the problem?

If the ocean could talk, what do you think it would say about all the plastic floating in it?

What would YOU tell Plastic Man if you met him?

Do & Try (Hands-On Fun):

Ocean Heroes Challenge:

Make a list of 5 things you can do at home or school to use less plastic.

Example: bring your own water bottle, pack snacks in reusable containers, say no to straws.

Jar to Treasure Craft:

Find an old jar and turn it into something NEW!

Ideas: a lantern (with paper and LED light), a pencil holder, a mini terrarium, or even a piggy bank.

Beach Cleanup (Anywhere!):

Even if you don't live near the ocean, you can do a "mini cleanup" in a park, playground, or your own yard.

Make it a game: see who can collect the most pieces in 10 minutes!

Create & Imagine (Extension):

Draw It: Imagine a "Plastic Monster" made of bottles and bags. Now draw how Koa and EggOh would defeat it.

Write It: Make up a silly recipe for "Plastic Soup." What would you throw in? What magical powers would it have if you slurped it?

Big Idea Reflection:

The ocean is home to dolphins, turtles, and colorful fish.

Every small choice we make—like reusing a jar or recycling a

bottle—can help keep their home safe. YOU are part of the wave of change! 🌊💙

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How do our everyday choices—like snacks, packaging, and toys—affect sea life?

👐 Do & Try (Hands-On Fun)

Ocean Heroes Challenge

Make a list of 5 ways you can use less plastic at home or school.

Examples: bring your own water bottle, use reusable lunch containers, say no to straws, recycle, or choose paper over plastic.

Jar-to-Treasure Craft

Repurpose a jar into something NEW!

Ideas: ✨ lantern, 🖋️ pencil holder, 🌱 mini terrarium, 🐷 piggy bank.

Cleanup Game (Anywhere!)

Do a 10-minute cleanup in a park, playground, or school yard.

Make it a challenge: count or graph the items collected by type (wrappers, cans, bottles).

🎨 Create & Imagine (Extension Activities)

Draw It: Design a “Plastic Monster” or your own “Ocean Hero” costume.

Write It: Create a silly recipe for “Plastic Soup” OR write a thank-you letter from a sea turtle.

Move It: Ocean Waves Dance — pretend to be a fish swimming free, a turtle trapped in plastic (then saved!), and waves carrying trash away.



Learn More (STEAM Connections)

Science: How long does it take for different plastics to break down?

Technology: Explore inventions that clean up ocean plastic.

Engineering/Art: Build a tool or artwork from recycled materials.

Math: Track how many plastic items your family uses in a week, then set a goal to reduce it.



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