

GPN Reading Rainbow Episode



Humphrey The Lost Whale: A True Story



Based on the journey of a California humpback whale, this book follows the journey of “wrong-way” Humphrey as he finds his way back to the sea with the help of some friends. A whale-watching day at sea with a naturalist helps LeVar understand the whales’ natural environment, and practices that have threatened whales. Viewers also find out about three young pilot whales who were rescued, nursed back to health and re-released, and they see news clips of “wrong-way” Humphrey’s misadventure.

Here are several activities you and your child can do together after watching this episode.

Handy Fish and Handy Fishing

You will need:

- drawing paper
- paper plate
- construction paper
- crayons
- glue
- scissors
- wiggle eye (optional)



Directions:

1. On paper trace around your child’s hand with fingers together and the thumb slightly extended. Cut out and glue on a paper plate with the thumb toward bottom.
2. Use crayons and cut paper to add fins and features. Your child may want to glue on a wiggle eye.

Punch a hole through the top of the plate and thread yarn to form a loop for hanging.

Scrimshaw

Explain to your children that scrimshaw is an art form usually associated with sailors who would carve beautiful pictures on a polished piece of ivory. Modern scrimshaw is created by many artists whether or not they have a life near or on the sea. The preferred materials to use today are nut palm, deer antlers (which fall off the animal), alligator teeth, or shark teeth. Your younger children can make their own scrimshaw designs on Styrofoam trays and older children can make carved pendants using self-hardening clay.

Younger children will need:

- clean Styrofoam tray
- a knitting needle
- crayon
- paper towel

Your children can scratch a design in the tray. Then color over the design with crayon. Use a paper towel to take off the color except for that left in the scratches.

Older children will need:

- self-hardening clay
- a large nail
- paint or markers
- clear acrylic spray
- yarn

Have children form a round medallion from the clay. While still damp, they can scratch a design in the clay using a nail. Also have them make a hole in the top. Color with paint or markers and then spray with a clear acrylic. When dry, yarn can be threaded through the top hole so the medallion can be worn around the neck.

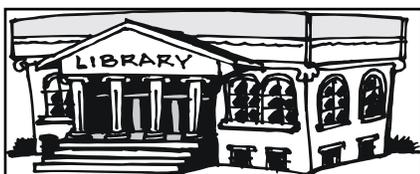
Maps and Globes

After you saw the video and read the book, did you wonder where Humphrey was lost? Have an adult help you find a map that shows the state of California. Have them help you locate the San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento River. What do you think of where Humphrey was lost? How do you think he felt? How would you feel? Write a short story about what you think Humphrey felt like during his journey.

Visit Your Community Library

Here are some books you can check out on your next trip to the library

- ◆ **All About Whales** by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
- ◆ **Whalewatch!** by June Behrens
- ◆ **The Life Cycle Of The Whale** by Paula Z. Hogan



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