

OCEAN ANIMALS





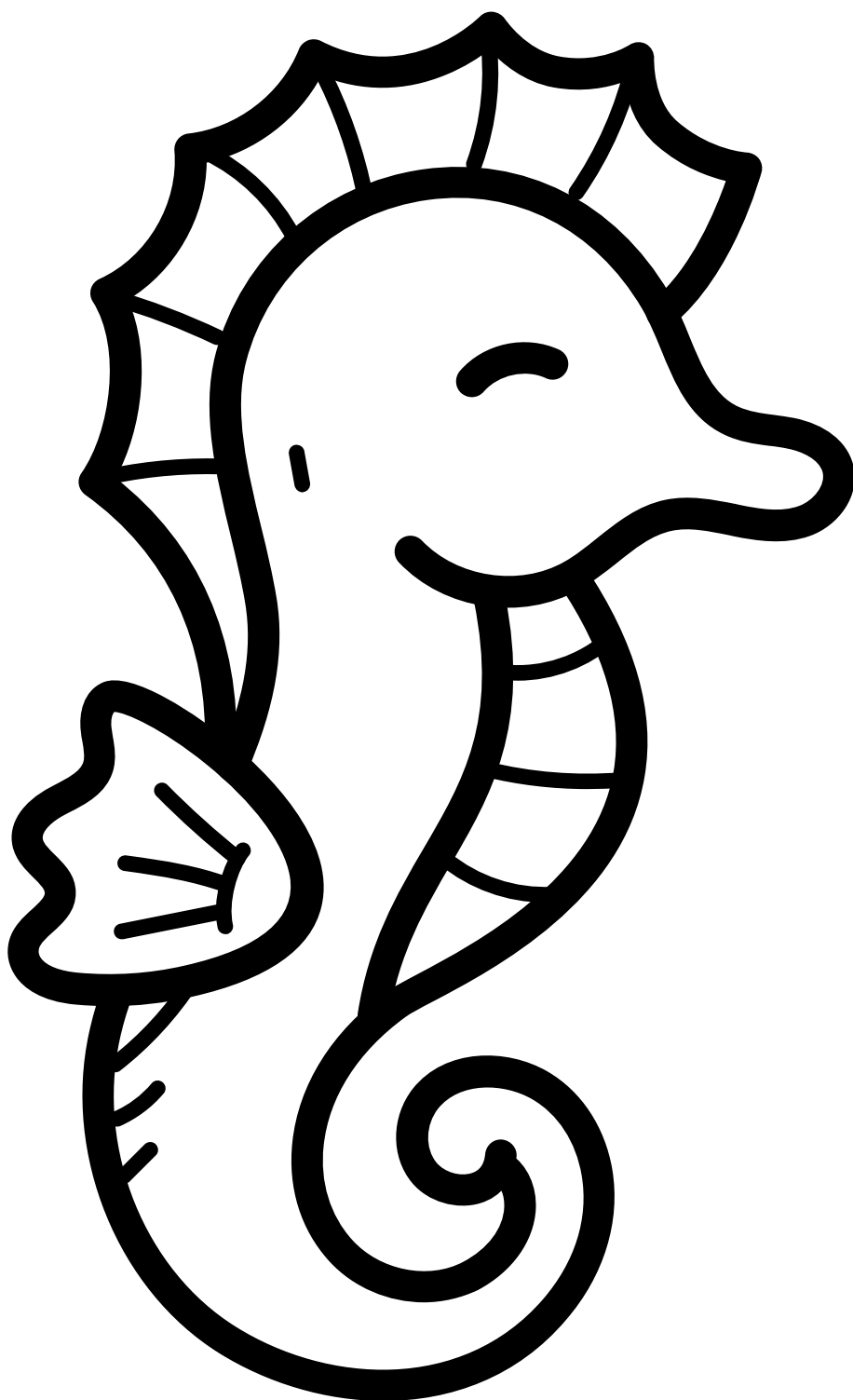
Genesis 1:20

Then God said, "Let the water be filled with many living things, and let there be birds to fly in the air over the earth." So God created the large sea animals. He created all the many living things in the sea and every kind of bird that flies in the air.
And God saw that this was good.



SEAHORSE



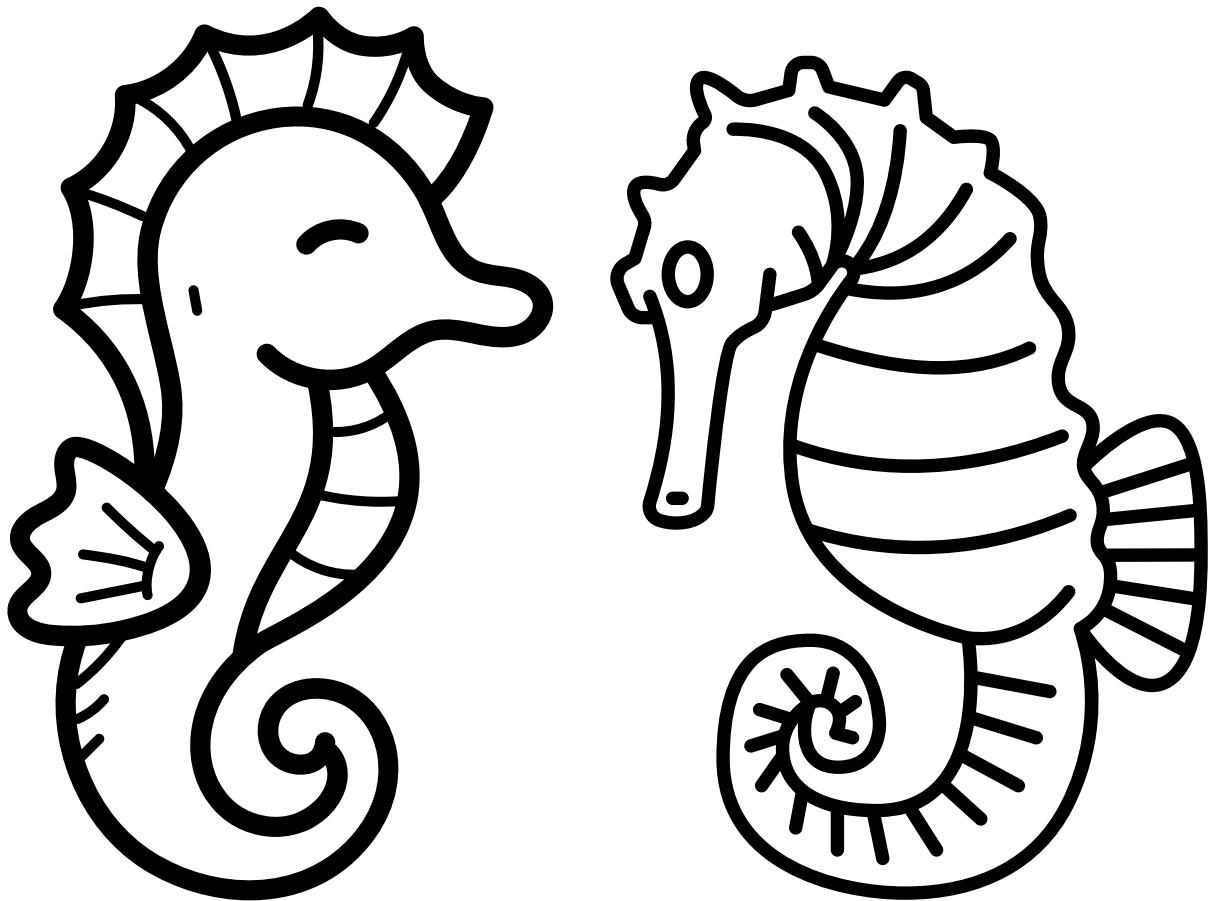


We are seahorses, or Hippocampus. "Hippocampus" comes from the Ancient Greek word, hippókampos, meaning horse sea monster. We are not monsters though, we are peaceful and slow swimmers. We are creatures made by God!

seahorse

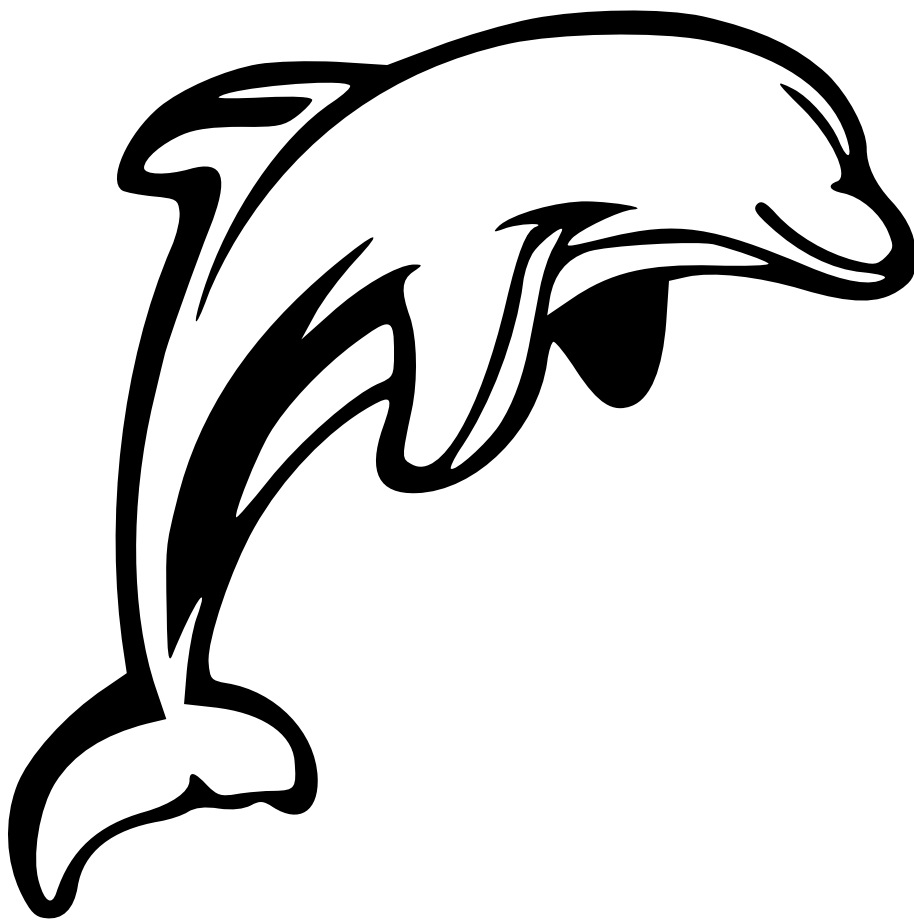
Do you like how God designed us?

Every morning my wife and I greet each other with a special dance that sometimes involves changing color. WOW!



DOLPHIN





Hello Friends!

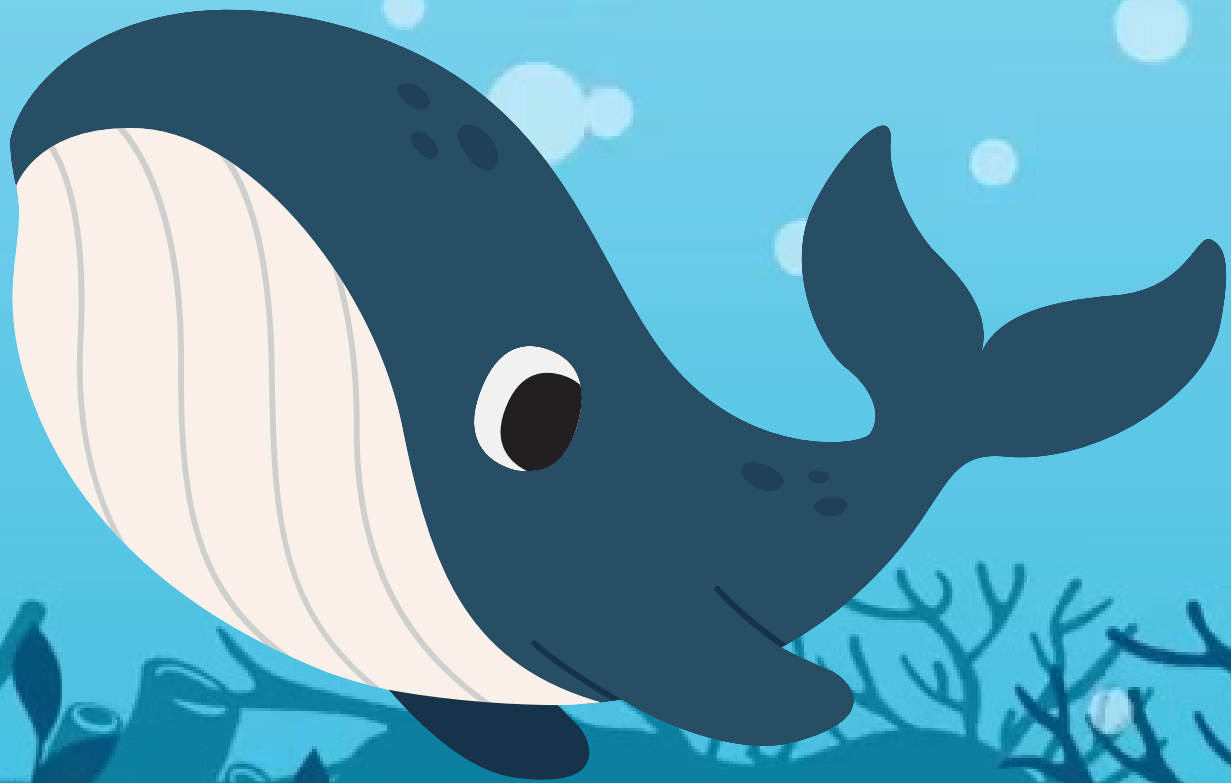
Did you know that dolphins like us are mammals, not fish, even though we live in the ocean all of the time?

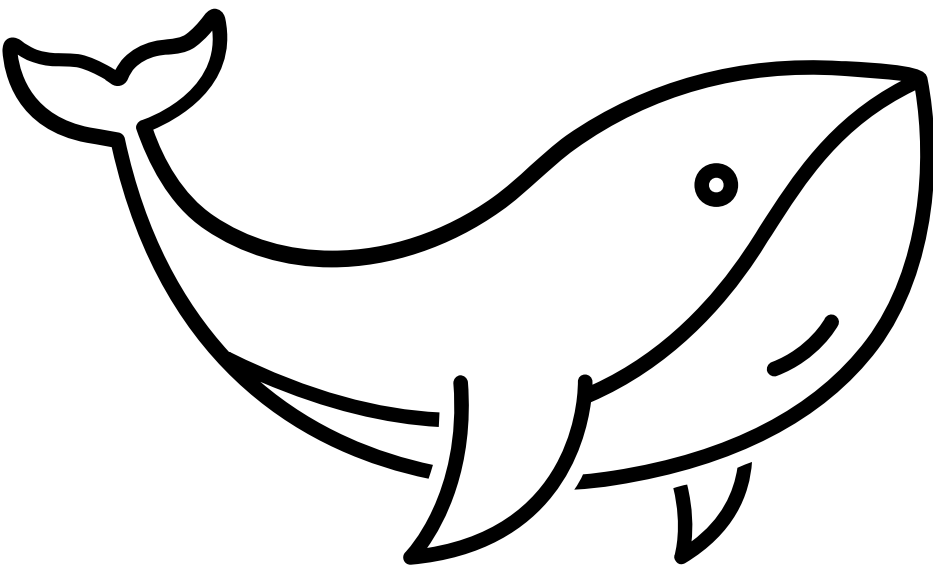
You did? You are smart!

Like every mammal, we are warm blooded. Unlike fish, who breathe through gills, we breathe air using our lungs.

We give birth to live young, rather than laying eggs and we feed our young with milk.

WHALE





Whales are also mammals, we breathe air, are warm-blooded, give birth to live young who drink milk from their mother and have hair. We live in the ocean for our whole lives. We have flippers and tail flukes which make us great swimmers.

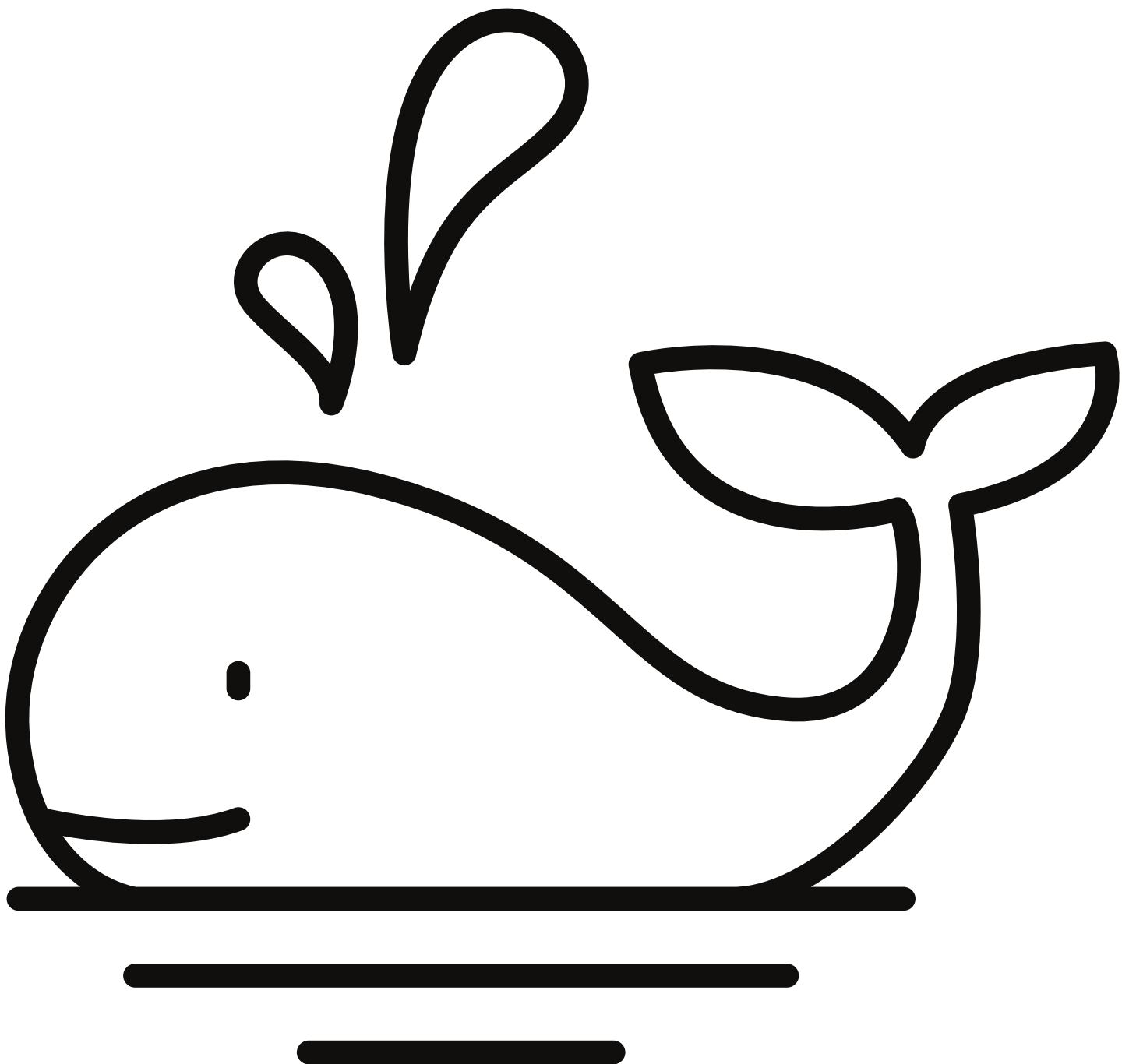
Thank you Jesus.

The Blue Whale is the largest creature on earth. We must surface regularly to breathe. The way we breathe is kind of like an explosion called a blow.

Want to see me blow?

**My blows are visible because water vapour in my hot breath
condenses when my blow is released.**

Cool, right?! or should I say **hot**?



JELLYFISH





Jellyfish like me enjoy swimming around the ocean using our umbrella-shaped bells and trailing tentacles. How creative is our God to design a special animal like me!

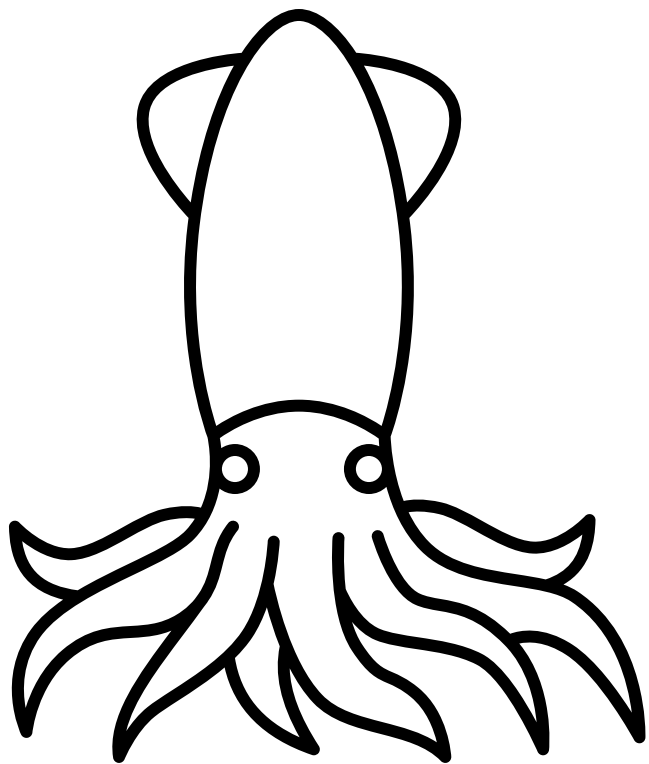
If you are at the beach, please stay away from me because God also built me with protection from my enemies.

The stinging cells in my tentacles help me capture food, but they also can injure you too.

If you get stung by me, **apply heat** to the sting right away.

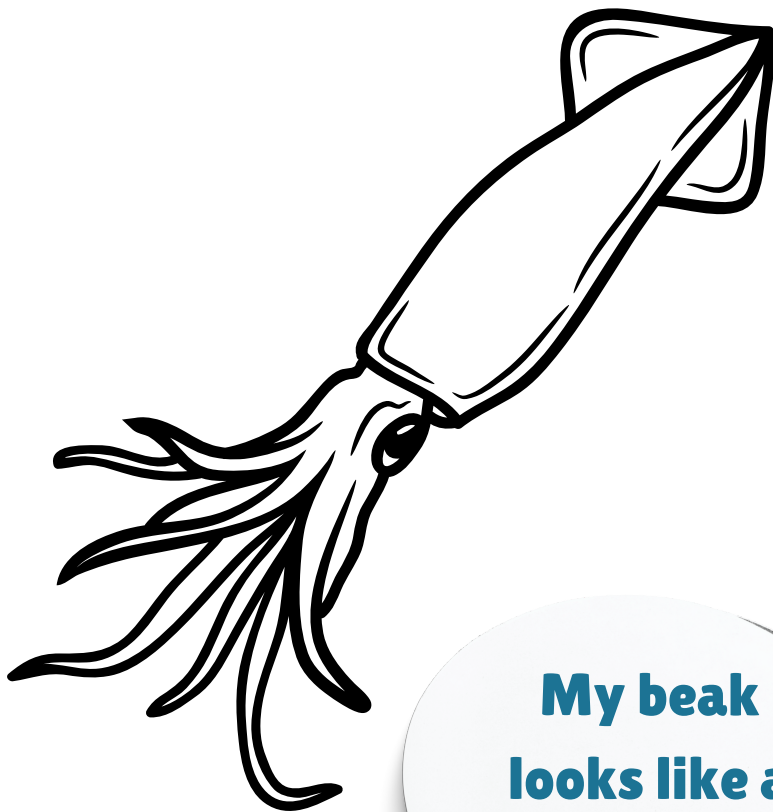
SQUID





Hi, I am from the mollusc family - do you know what a mollusc is? Yes, a snail is another type of mollusc. I live my life in the ocean and I have an elongated soft body, large eyes, eight arms, and two tentacles. My two long tentacles are used to grab food and my eight arms to hold and control it.

squid



Do you know that I
have a beak?
Wow, God is amazing!
My beak cuts my food
into perfect size
chunks for swallowing.
I am a super fast
swimmer too. I use jet
power to swim away
from danger.

**My beak
looks like a
parrot's
beak!**



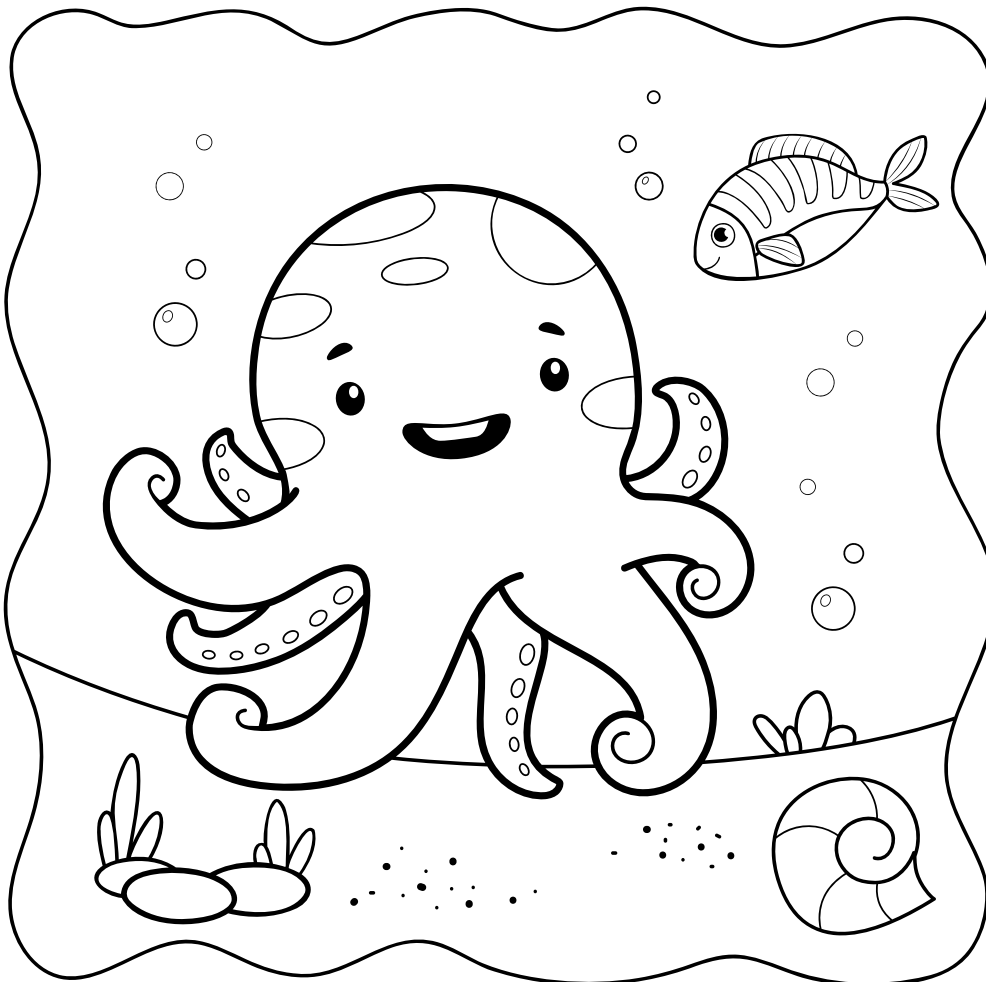
Octopus



Peek a boo! I am a very shy 8 legged marine animal. I love to change color. I am extremely intelligent too! I am actually the smartest invertebrates in the world.

Shhh...don't tell anyone but God designed me with a superpower defense mechanism, I can spray ink as a smokescreen to avoid being eaten.

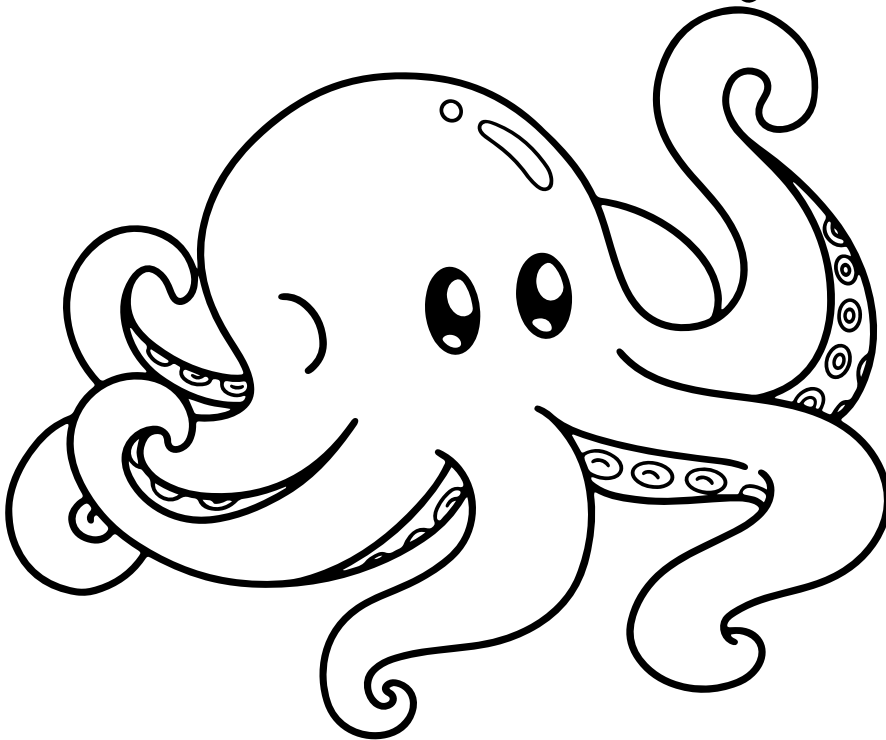
Ka-chow!



octopus

I can also change the texture
of my skin to match my
surroundings.

This miracle camouflage keeps
me safe from my predators.
Thank you Jesus!



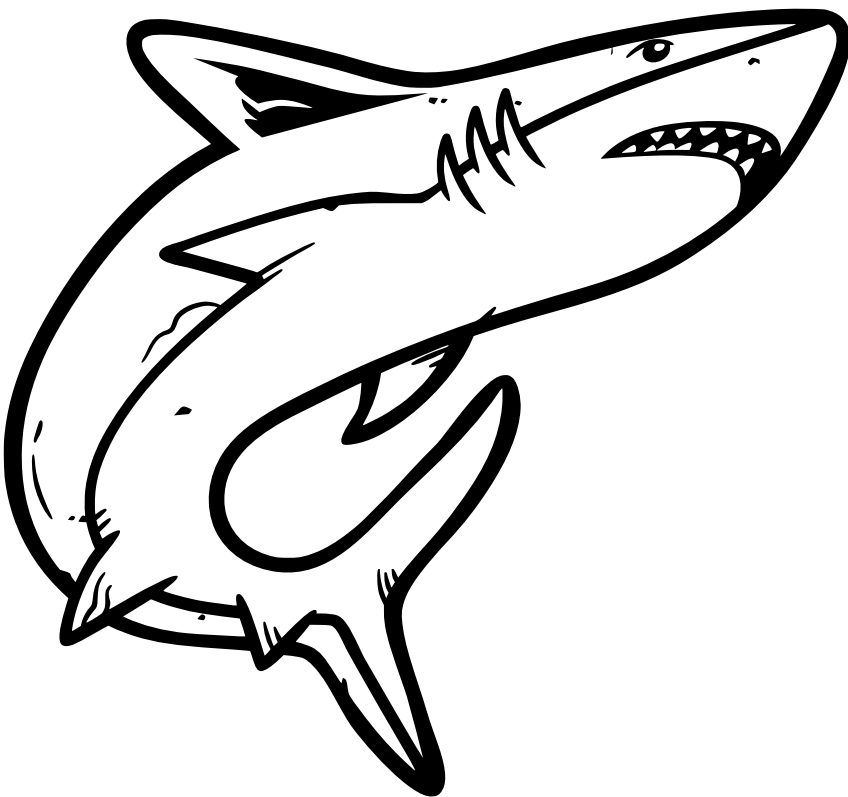
SHARK



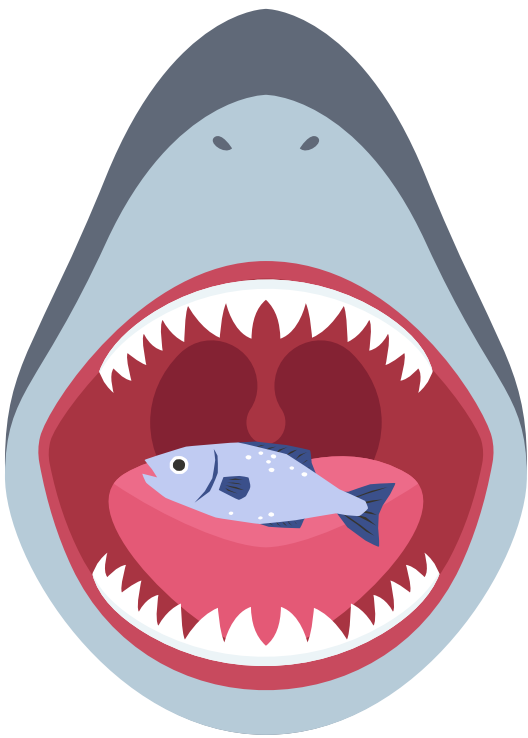


Um, yeah, watch out for me. If you see a shark like me, stop swimming and go find your parents. It's time to go home.

I am not a cute and cuddly puppy. I am a fierce predator of the ocean. I am designed as an important part of the ocean's food web.

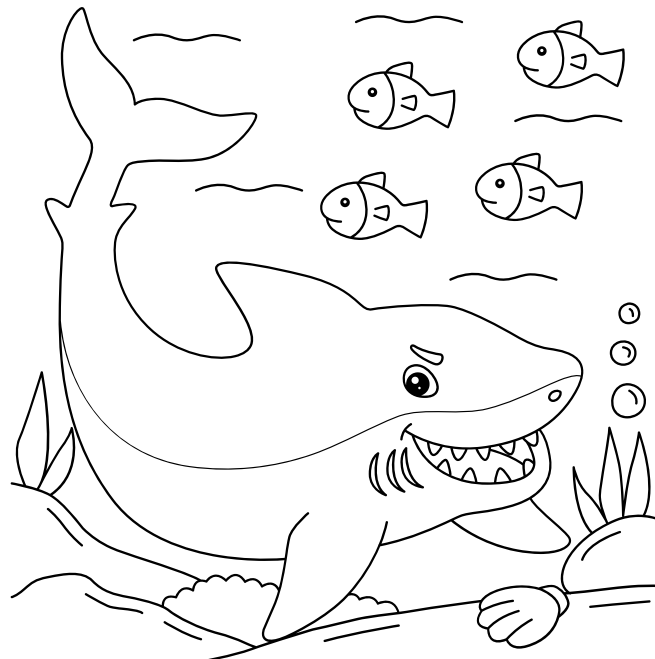


Shark



I eat everything. Yum.
I am a hungry, toothy and
fierce animal, created by
God to do a big job so stay
out of my way. Chomp!

I have rows teeth that
never end, they will always
be replaced by another
tooth. God is amazing!



ORCA

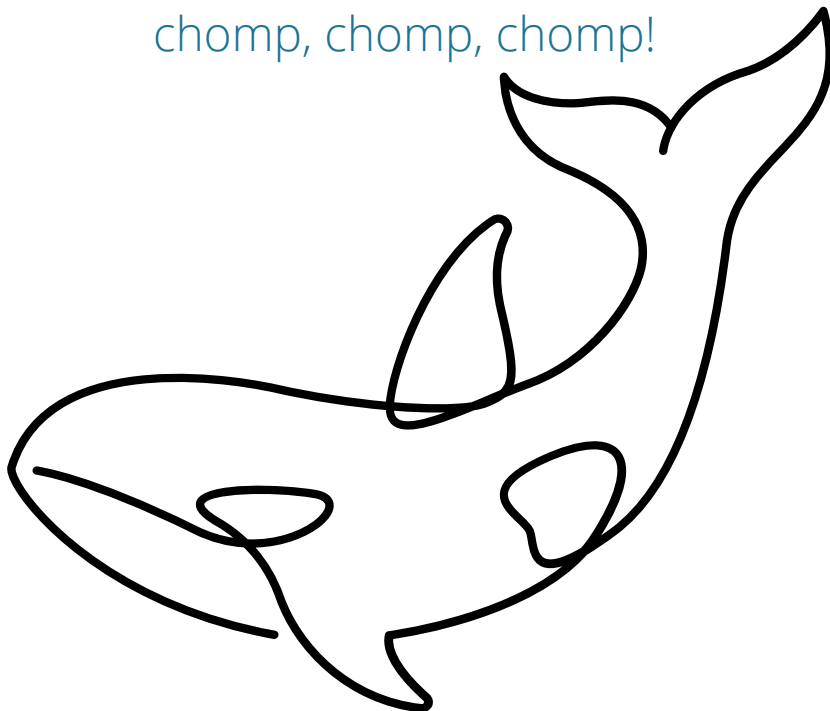




I am an orca, but people also call me a
killer whale. I am a toothed whale and I
belong to the dolphin family. I am the
largest of my kind.

Please stay away from me too. I am
smart, fierce and I eat everything.

Yummy hungry Orca...
chomp, chomp, chomp!



ORCA

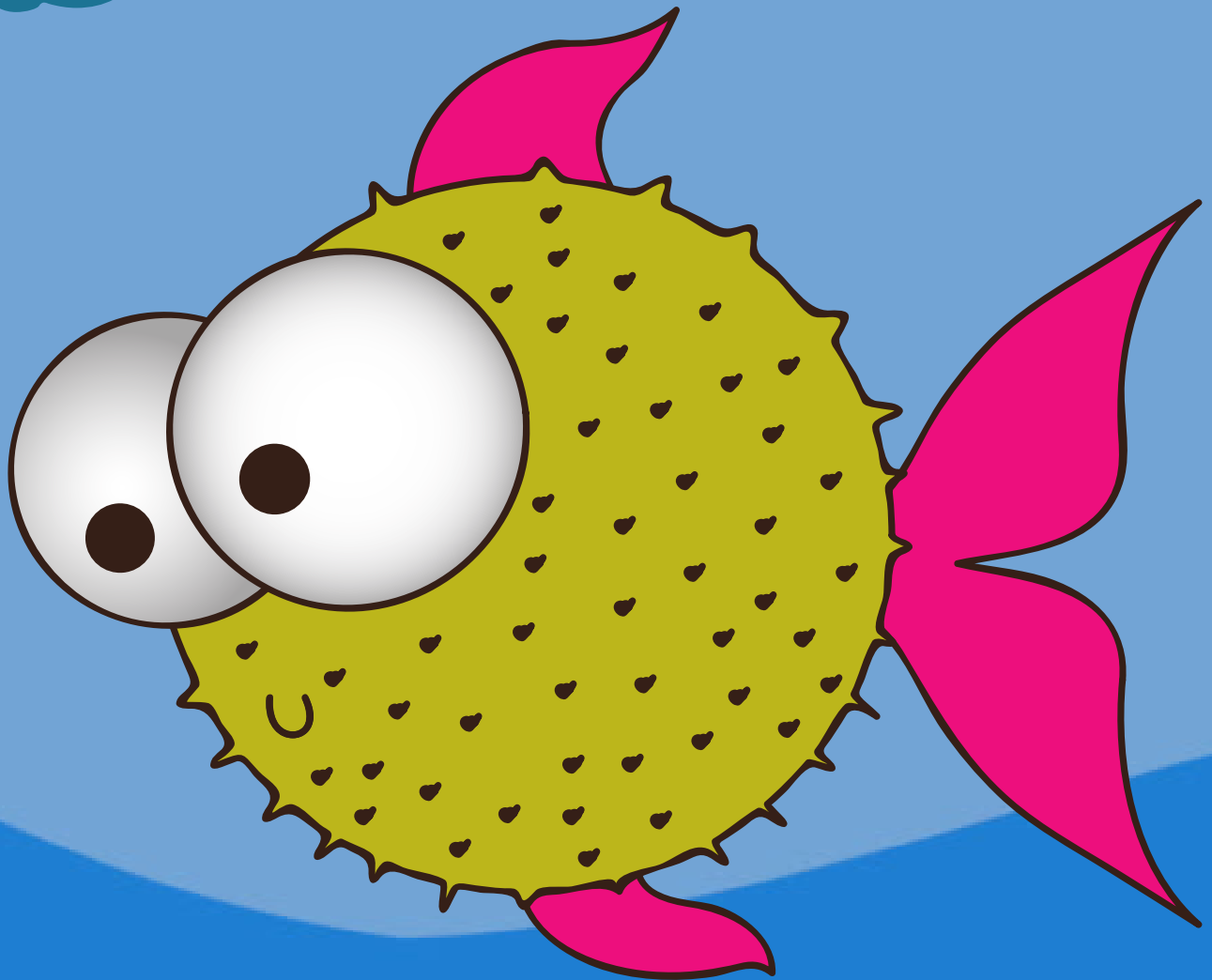
My black-and-white patterned body is the most identifiable part of how God made me.

Can you think of another animal that is mostly black and white and patterned like me?

Do they live in the ocean?



BLOWFISH



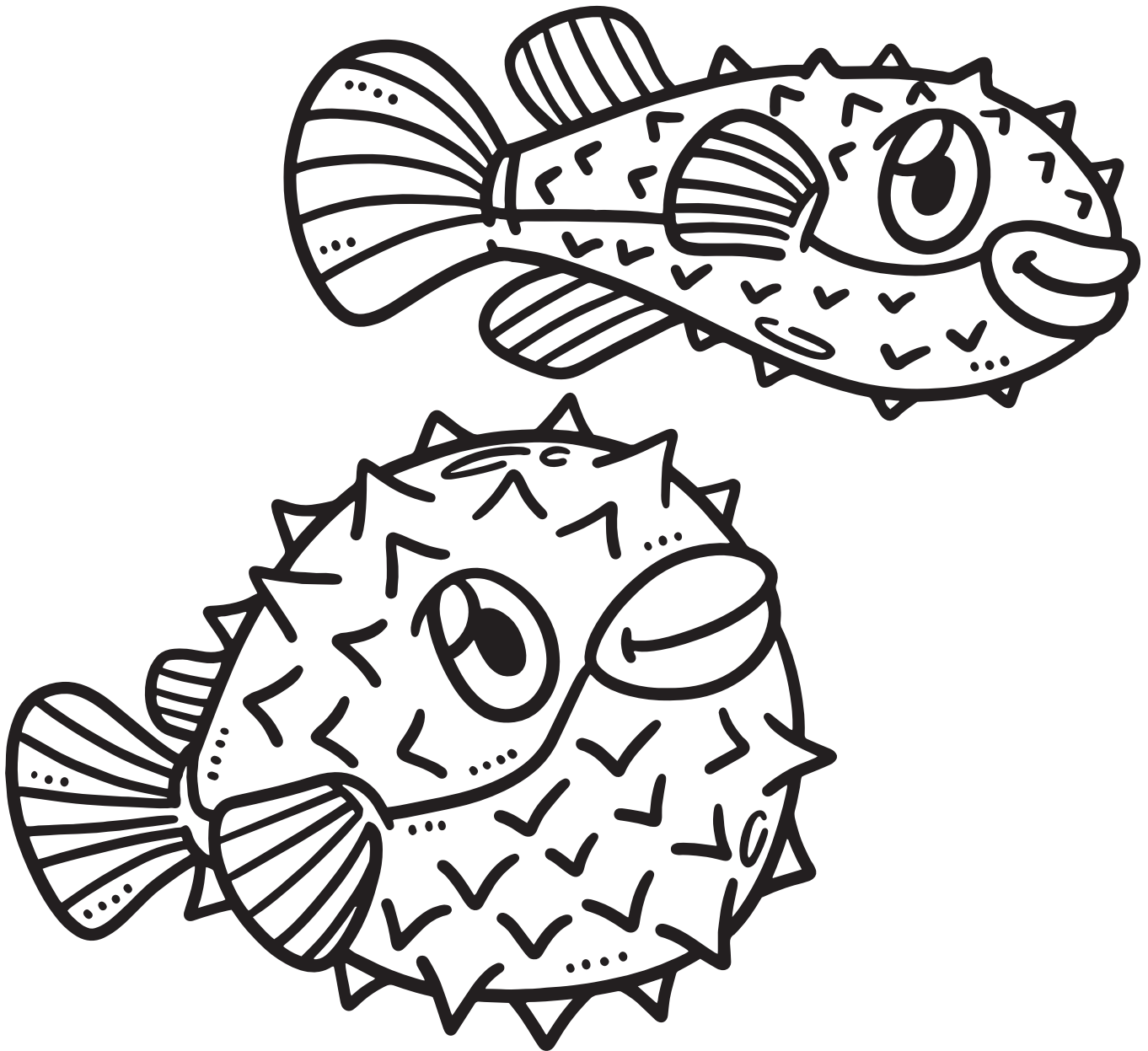
Hi, I am a pufferfish or a blowfish, and I can inflate into a ball shape to escape from predators. I am kind of a clumsy swimmer.

Oops, I bumped into that piece of kelp!



blowfish

I puff up by filling my stretchy stomach with huge amounts of water (and sometimes air). When I do this, I blow myself up to several times my normal size. I have spines on my skin to scare off predators.





★ **That girl can talk
underwater
?????** ★

**Thanks for spending time with us
today and learning
more about the world God
created.**

**We worship and praise Jesus
when we look at everything God
made and know that He made it
all and give Him the glory.**

**We are all created by God
to glorify God.
amen!**



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