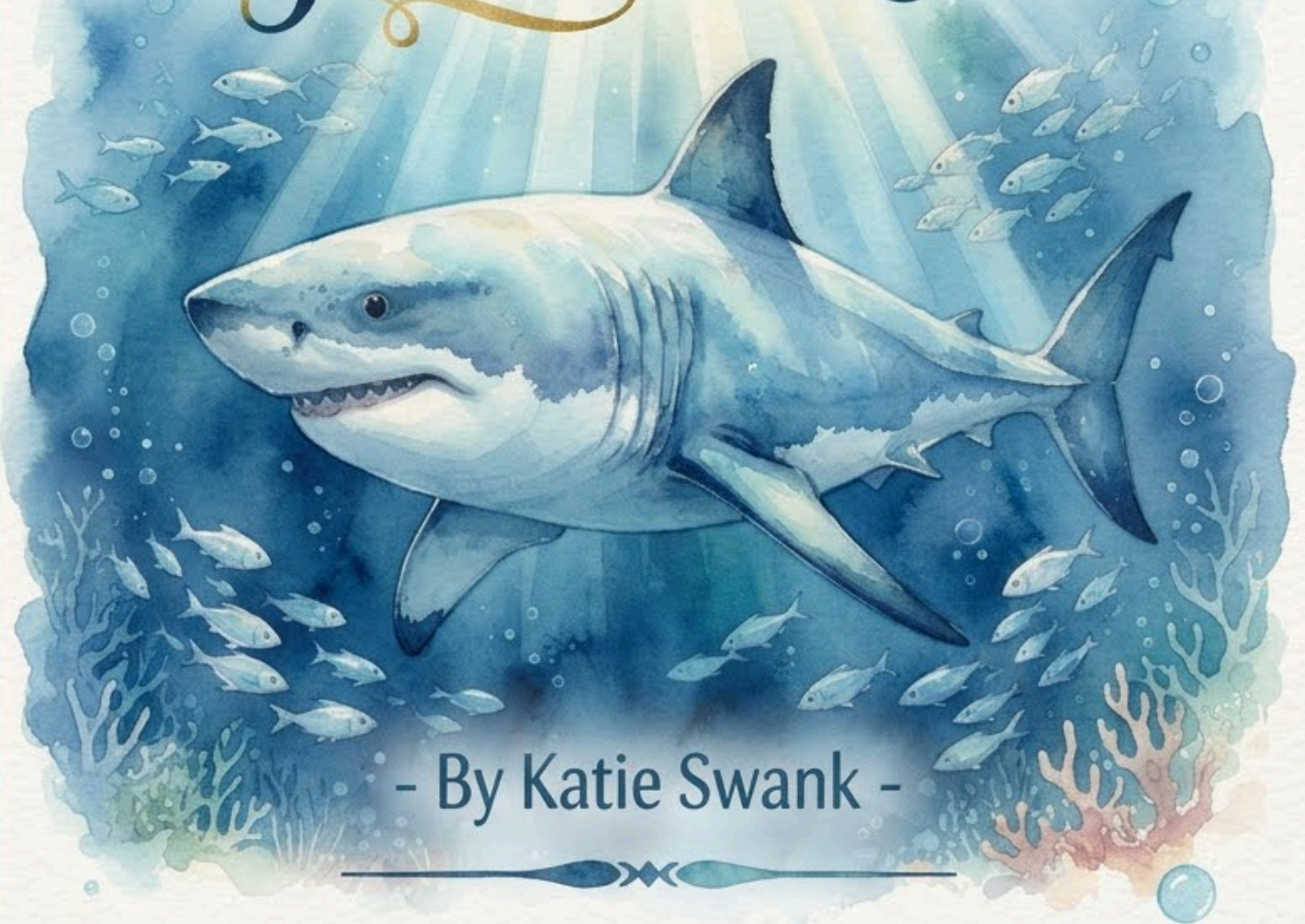


Sharks Prove God Is Real



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Romans 1:20

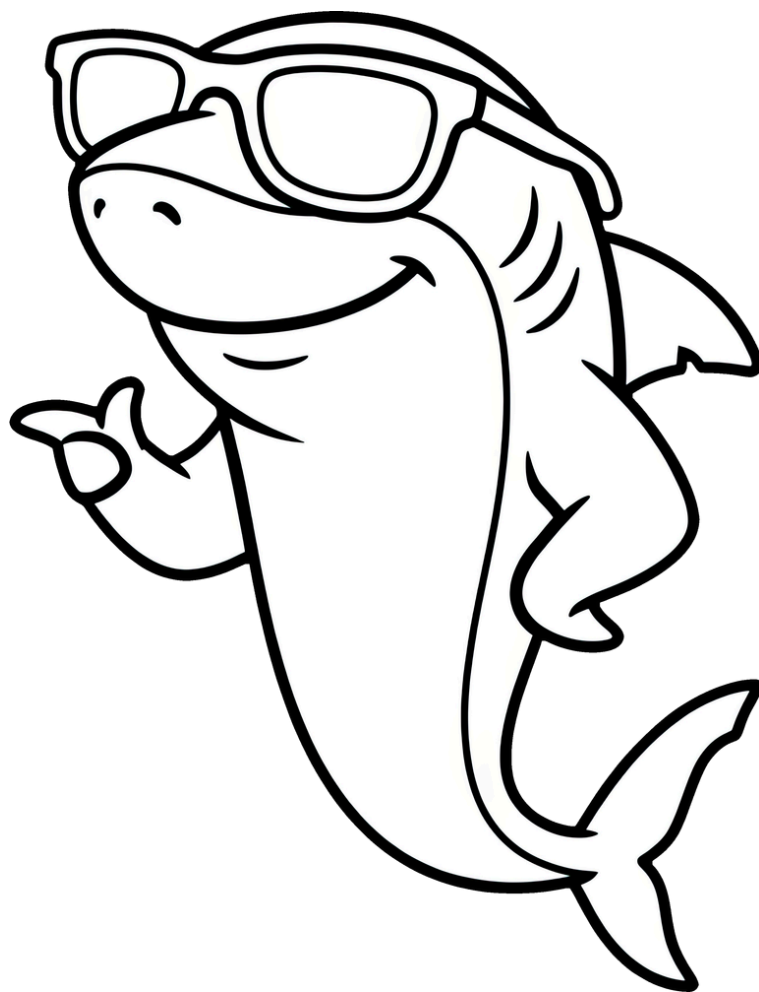
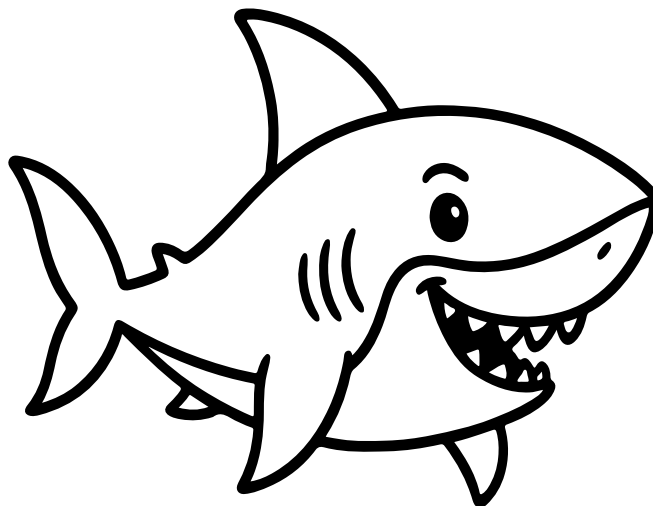
Beneath the rolling, restless blue,
where light begins to fade,
A masterpiece of sovereign design
is fearlessly displayed.

The Lord of oceans cast the seas
and shaped the ancient dark,
And placed a ten-fold miracle
within the silent shark.

Denticles of Armor
are on 'er
No ordinary scales are wrapped around
this ocean guide,
But microscopic teeth that shield
the predator's sleek hide.
They channel rushing water down
each tiny, grooved design,
A frictionless creation
from the Architect Divine.

Constant Regeneration
across the ocean nation
Where human bone would falter,
their defenses never cease,
A conveyor belt of pearly teeth
brings order and increase.
As rows move ever forward to replace
the ones that break,
God engineered a lifetime span
of weapons they can make.

The Symphony of Shadows
this i didn't know
They feel the unseen currents shift,
the smallest pulse and stride,
With lateral lines that pick up waves
across the ocean wide.
A hidden sense of touch
that spans the water's deep expanse,
Where nothing is left random,
and no movement left to chance.

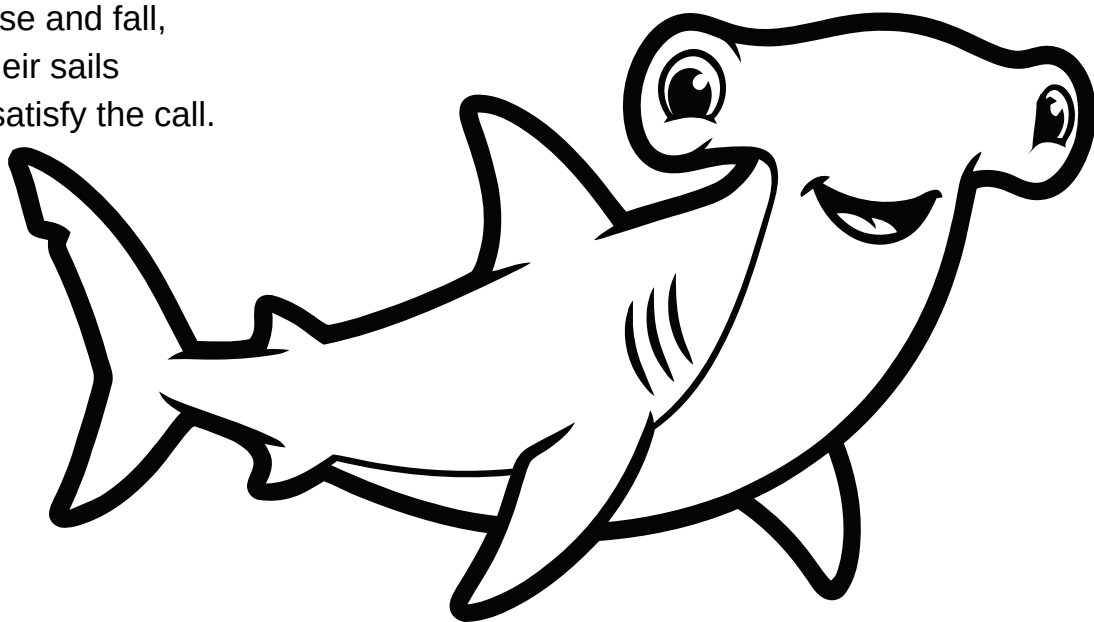
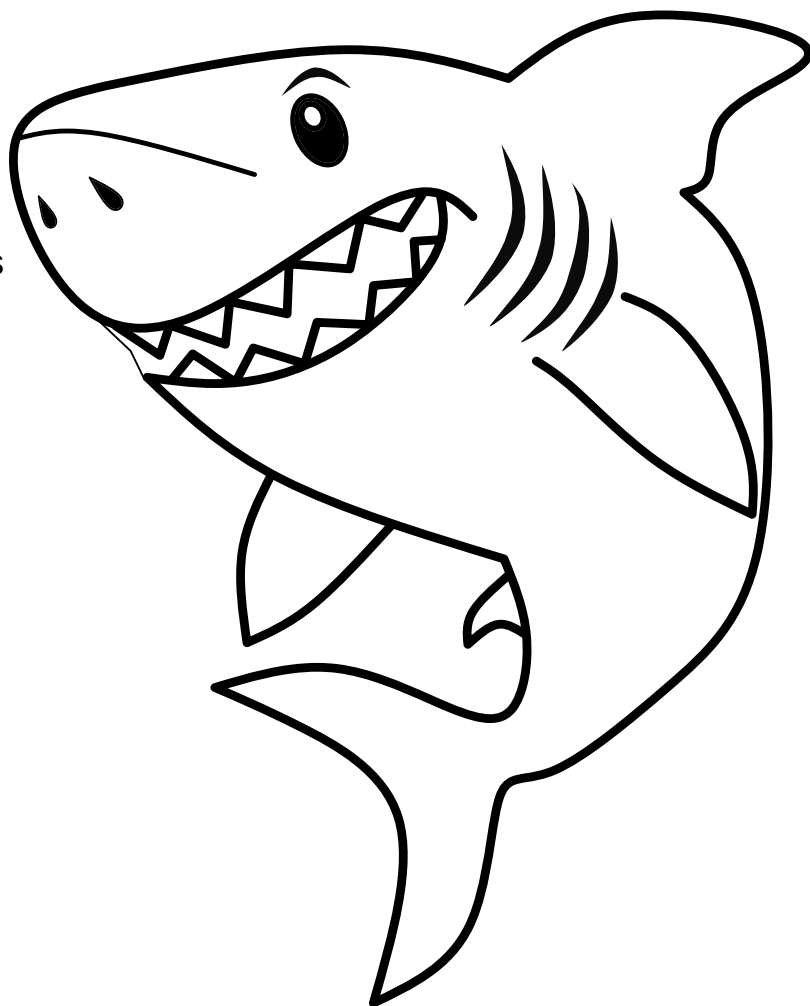


Compass of the Deep
these secrets we won't keep
The Ampullae of Lorenzini
map the ocean floor,
Reading electromagnetic fields
from shore to sandy shore.

An internal navigation
built before the worlds began,
To guide them through the darkest depths
beyond the sight of man.

Weightless Without Bone
my mind is totally blown
With skeletons of cartilage,
lightweight and built to bend,
They fly through heavy water
where the pressure has no end.
No heavy bones to weigh them down
or make them sink below,
God gave them supple framework
for the currents where they flow.

The Engine in the Liver
the power makes me quiver
To hold their place within the water,
balanced and secure,
A massive, oil-filled liver
keeps their buoyancy so pure.
Without a regular swim bladder to
control the rise and fall,
God filled their sails
with lighter oil to satisfy the call.

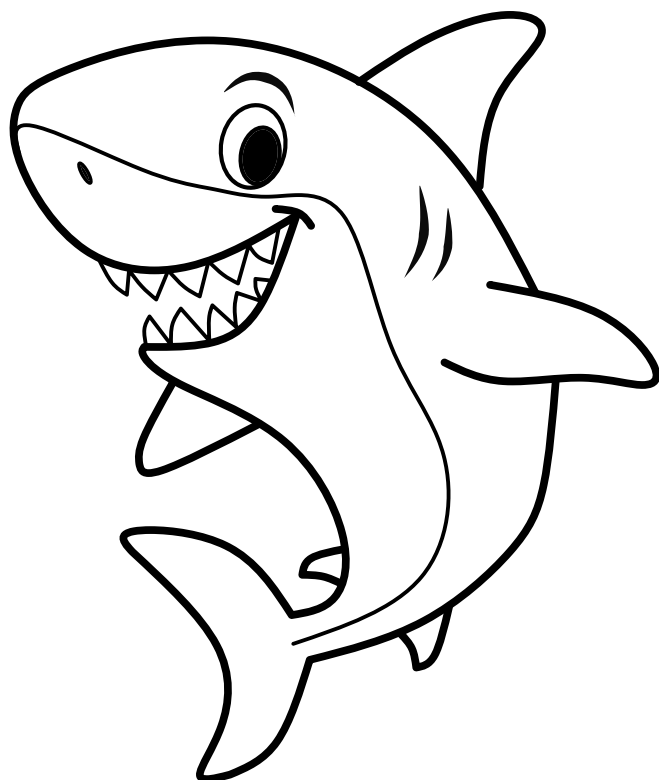
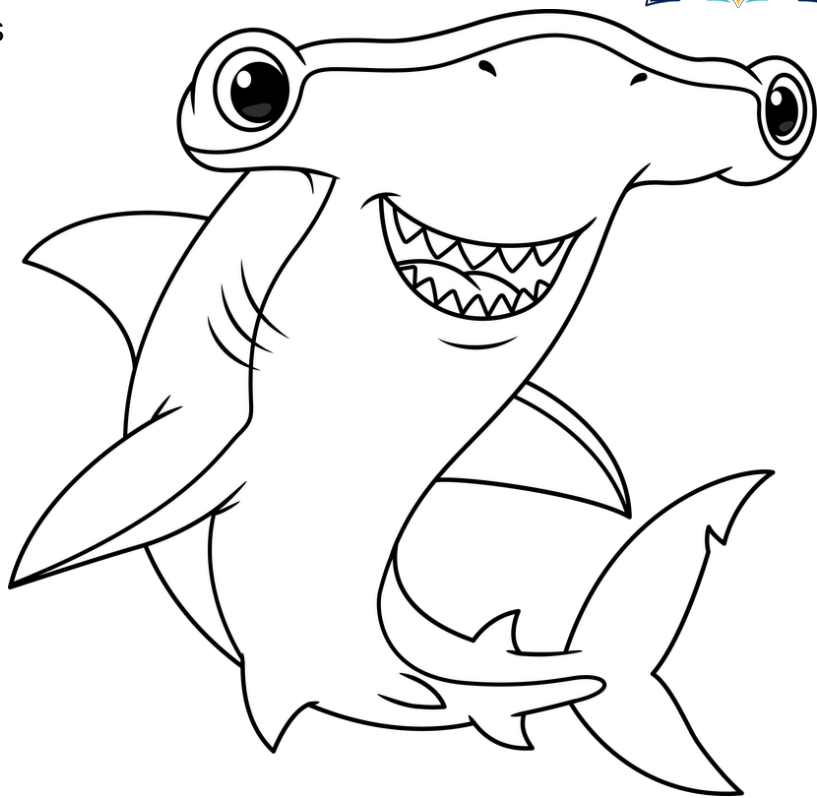


Eyes of Luminous Fire
what power to inspire
Deep down where sunlight vanishes
and midnight shadows creep,
A mirror-like tapetum brightens darkness
in the powerful deep.
It catches every straying ray
and reflects it back again,
Revealing hidden pathways
far beyond the gaze of men.

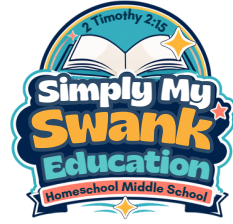
Swift Healing from the Storm
where gods power does form
When battles leave them wounded
in the cold and salty spray,
Their flesh repairs with lightning speed,
washing the scars away.
An immune response so fierce and fast,
built tightly in their blood,
Sustaining life through injury,
through current and through flood.

The Breath of Perfect Motion
god's amazing notion
Some must forever swim to breathe,
to push the current through,
Extracting life and oxygen
from every drop of blue.
Ram ventilation forces breath
with every forward stride,
A testimony to a life
that cannot stall or hide.

Warm Blood in Frozen Waters
god's wisdom never falters
And some can raise their heat above
the freezing, wintry sea,
A warm-blood engine running strong
to track their destiny.
To hunt and thrive in icy depths
where others freeze and fail,
A brilliant stroke of mastery
along the ocean trail.



The Armor and the Depth: Shark Anatomy Worksheet



Name: _____

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Directions: Use the facts from the poem to fill in the missing words for each statement below.

1. Instead of ordinary scales, a shark's skin is covered in microscopic, tooth-like structures called _____.
2. The specialized shape of these skin structures channels water to create a _____ swim.
3. A shark's teeth are arranged like a _____ belt, constantly moving forward to replace old ones.
4. Sharks enjoy a lifetime span of new teeth because of their ability to undergo constant _____.
5. Sharks can detect shifting currents and nearby movements using their _____ lines.
6. The poem describes the shark's ability to sense vibrations in the water as a symphony of _____.
7. The special organs used to map electromagnetic fields are called the Ampullae of _____.
8. This electromagnetic sense serves as an internal _____ to help sharks navigate the dark ocean.
9. Unlike most large sea creatures, a shark's skeleton is completely made of _____ instead of bone.
10. This lightweight skeletal material allows the shark's framework to be incredibly _____ under heavy pressure.
11. Sharks do not have a typical swim _____ to control their position in the water column.
12. To maintain their buoyancy, sharks rely on a massive, _____-filled liver.
13. Deep in the darkness, a shark's eyes brighten light using a mirror-like tissue called the _____.
14. This ocular adaptation reflects stray light rays to reveal hidden _____ in the dark.
15. When a shark is injured, its flesh repairs itself with lightning speed due to a fierce _____ response.
16. The rapid healing power that sustains them through injury is built tightly into their _____.
17. Some sharks must continuously swim forward to breathe using a method called _____ ventilation.
18. This breathing method forces water through the gills to extract essential _____.
19. While most fish match the water temperature around them, certain sharks can raise their own body _____.
20. Having warm blood allows these specific predators to hunt effectively in _____ waters.