



**Long Activity**  
**Ages 0–3**  
**40 minutes**

## **Let's Go Fishing!**

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### **Description**

Make a pond full of paper fish and try to catch them with a magnetic rod

### **Space Considerations**

An indoor space with room for children and their caregivers to do a craft

### **Competencies**

- Artistic expression
- Development of fine motor skills
- Eye-hand coordination
- Sensory motor skills

### **Materials**

- Wooden sticks
- String or yarn
- Small magnets
- Paper or card stock
- Paper clips
- Tape
- Crayons, pencil crayons or markers
- Fish template
- Glue (optional)
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Scissors (adult use only)

### **Preparation**

- Prepare the room for a program that uses glue or paint
- Cut yarn to strips of 2 feet long each, one for each participant

## Implementation

For the fishing rod:

1. Wrap the yarn around one end of the wooden stick and tie a knot
2. Tape around the knot to keep the string firmly in place
3. At the other end of the yarn, tie or tape the small magnet in place

For the fish:

4. Children can decorate their fish templates and have caregivers cut them out
5. It is optional for children to glue a googly eye onto their fish
6. Caregivers help children slip a paper clip onto the head of each fish—it's best to add a small piece of tape over the paper clip to secure it in place

To play:

7. Put all the fish cutouts on the floor (Alternatively, you can place the fish on a large sheet of blue paper to simulate a pond or within a large cardboard box)
8. Show children how to use their magnetized fishing pole to catch a fish from the pond
9. If desired, add a number or letter to each fish for an added literacy component

## Book Suggestions

*Crash, Splash, or Moo!* by Bob Shea

*Frida and Bear Play the Shape Game!* by Anthony Browne and Hanne Bartholin

*Hide-and-Seek: A First Book of Position Words* by R.D. Ornot

*You Hold Me Up* by Monique Gray Smith

## Images and Templates

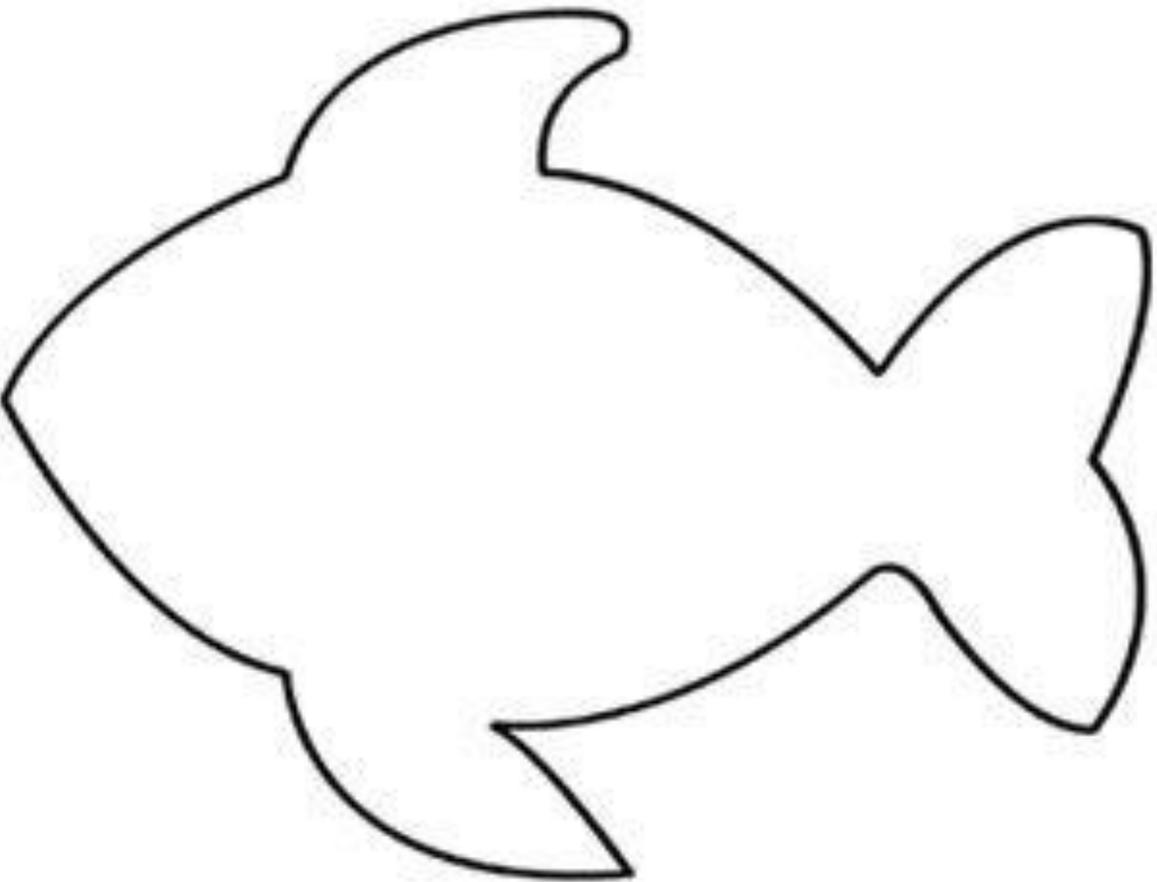
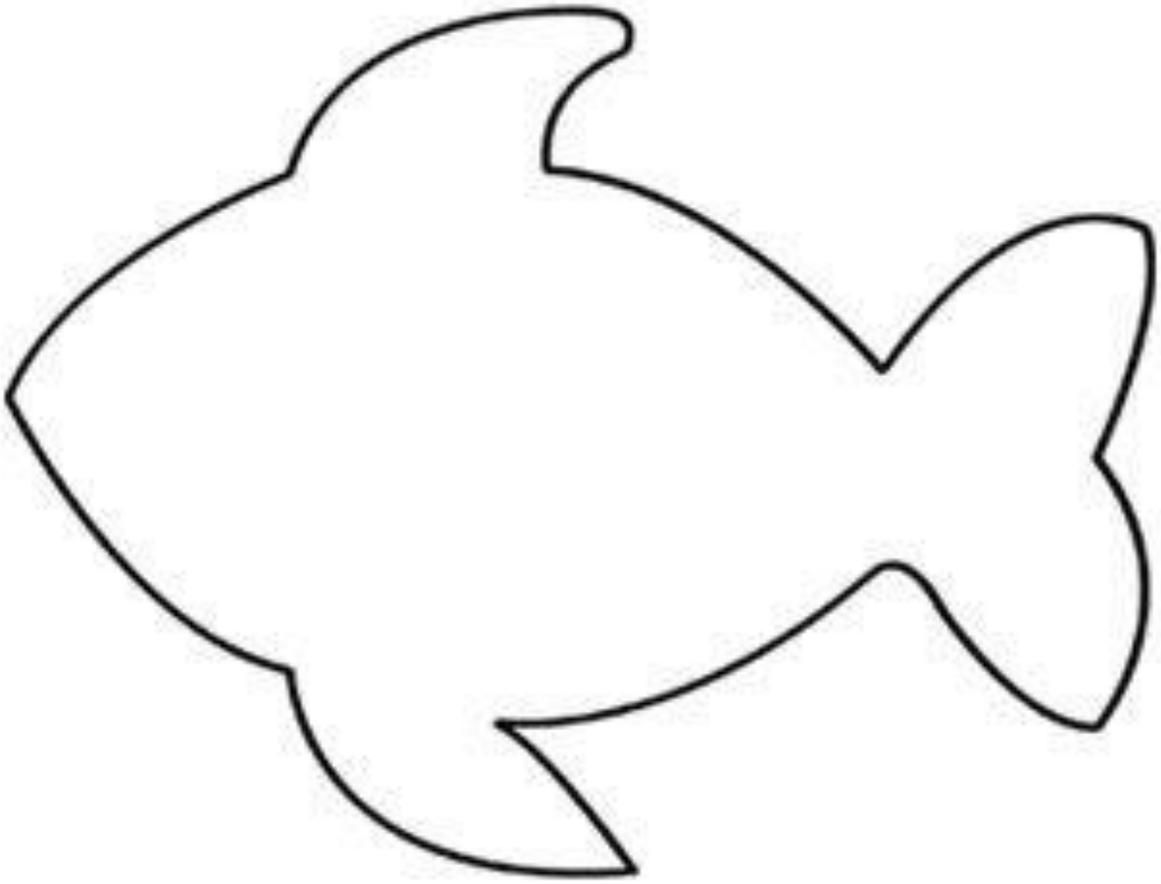




Image from the book *Crafts With Kids* by Susie Johns