Awaking Wonder Seashore



LEARN:

Read The Burgess Seashore Book. Each chapter is a story about a different creature that you may find at the seashore. Check out some of the recommended books and look at pictures or photos of the animals mentioned. What animal are your children most drawn to? Check out some books about that animal to allow them to explore more deeply. Talk about the magnificence of God's creation at the seashore. Plants, animals, salt water, and even the sand are creations worthy to be noticed.

EXPERIENCE:

If you are fortunate enough to live near an ocean, take a field trip to explore those areas. Look for tide pool areas and bring field guides with you. If not, is there an aquarium near you? Even a small aquarium is likely to have a seashore petting pool with starfish, anemones, and maybe even sea cucumbers!



REFLECT:

Listen to an audio recording of waves crashing on a beach. Discuss with your children how the storms of life will come, but God will always be our shelter. Read Psalm 107:28-30 "Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He brought them out of their distresses. He caused the storm to be still, so that the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they were quiet, so He guided them to their desired haven."

CREATE:

Gather some seashells or purchase them inexpensively at the dollar store. Have your children use them to create art. Some ideas: paint the shells and glue on googly eyes, glue onto popsicle sticks for shell theater, or glue shells onto other shells to make sculptures or silly creatures.