

Try three Tidepool scenes

A free reader sample from The Tidepool Lantern by Odd Rule Lab.

These are three nonconsecutive excerpts from a 21-scene coloring story. The original book page numbers are retained: 5, 11 and 21. Pip is a young otter, Wren is his bird friend, and Aunt Moss watches over them.

Read each short scene, color the picture if you like, and try its Find activity. Choose your own colors. The answers are at the end.

Crayons or colored pencils recommended. An adult can help a younger reader. The shore adventure is fictional; real shore visits require adult supervision and local safety guidance.

If you try it, please tell us: Could you find each target? Was any wording confusing? Would you want to follow the complete story?

This sample is free. To share feedback, describe which page you tried and what you noticed. You do not need to share names or other personal details.



3. A little sea

In a hollow between the rocks, Pip saw water shining like a window. A small fish slipped past a stone. Pip crouched on the dry path. "A little sea!" he whispered. Wren leaned closer without stepping into the pool.

Find: the fish in the pool.

Shore note: Tide pools can hold seawater when the tide goes out.



9. A star below

Pip found a sea star resting beneath the water. Its five arms spread around its middle. "A star that doesn't live in the sky," he said. Wren smiled. Pip's pencil hovered above the page, then began a shape with five wide points.

Find: the sea star with five arms.

Shore note: Many sea stars have five arms. Some have more.



19. Three lights

Three paper lanterns bobbed along the village path. Pip carried one. Two friends carried the others. Aunt Moss walked beside them. Wren fluttered just above their heads. Warm light shone through the paper shapes as the little parade reached the lookout.

Find: the three lanterns.

Answers to the three scenes

Book page 5: One fish swims in the foreground pool.

Book page 11: The sea star in the pool has five arms.

Book page 21: Pip, the rabbit and the fox each carry one lantern: three in all.

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