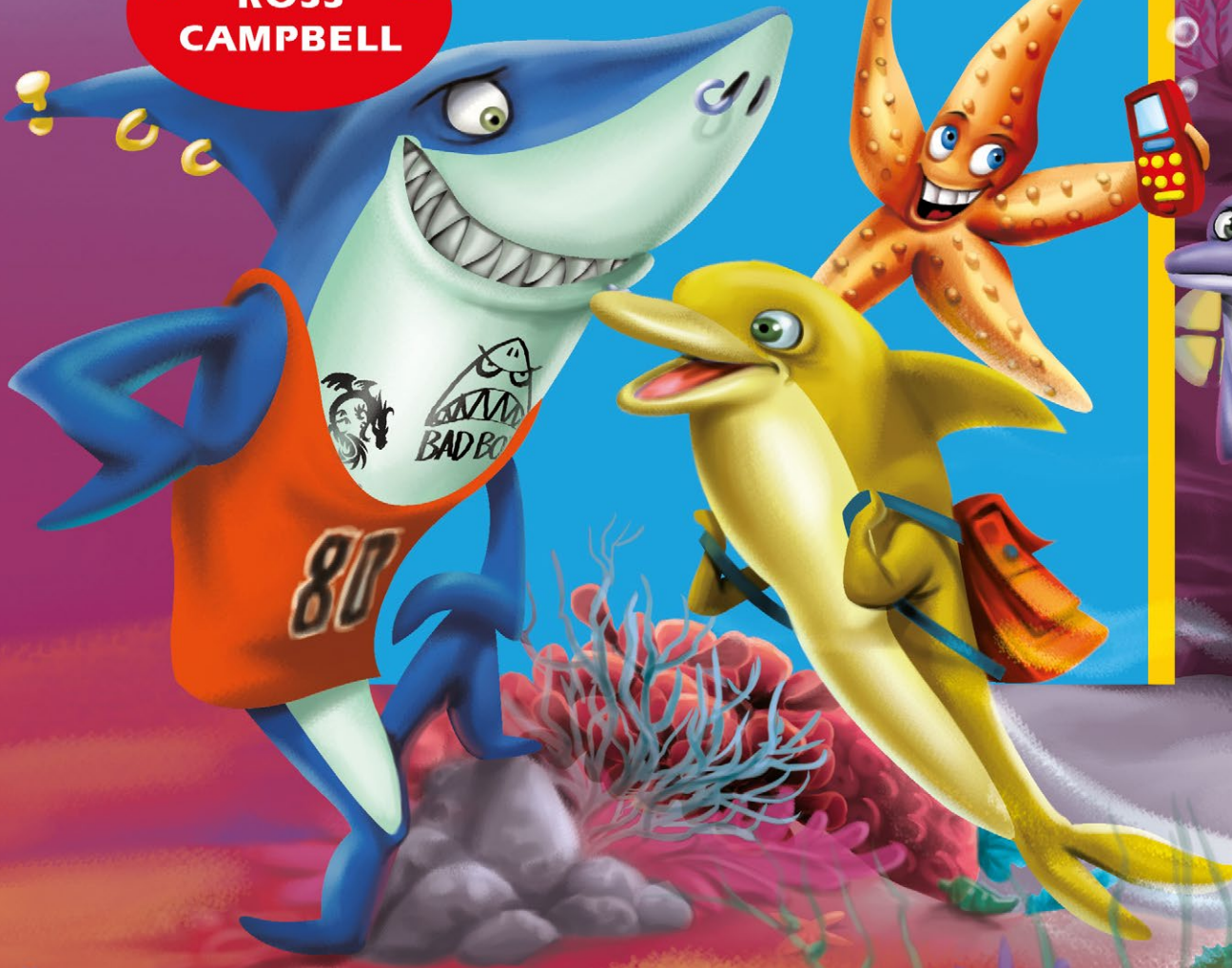


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*I dedicate this book to my dear son Adam  
so that he will seek God's wisdom eagerly and earnestly,  
remembering that every choice we make in life  
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*Loving Mom*



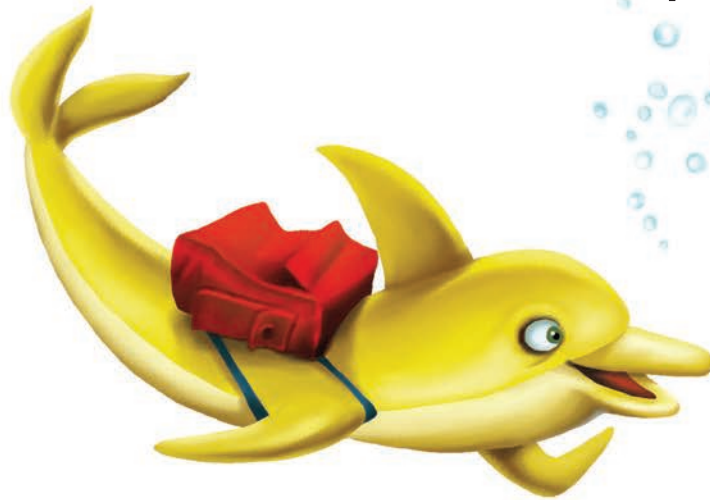
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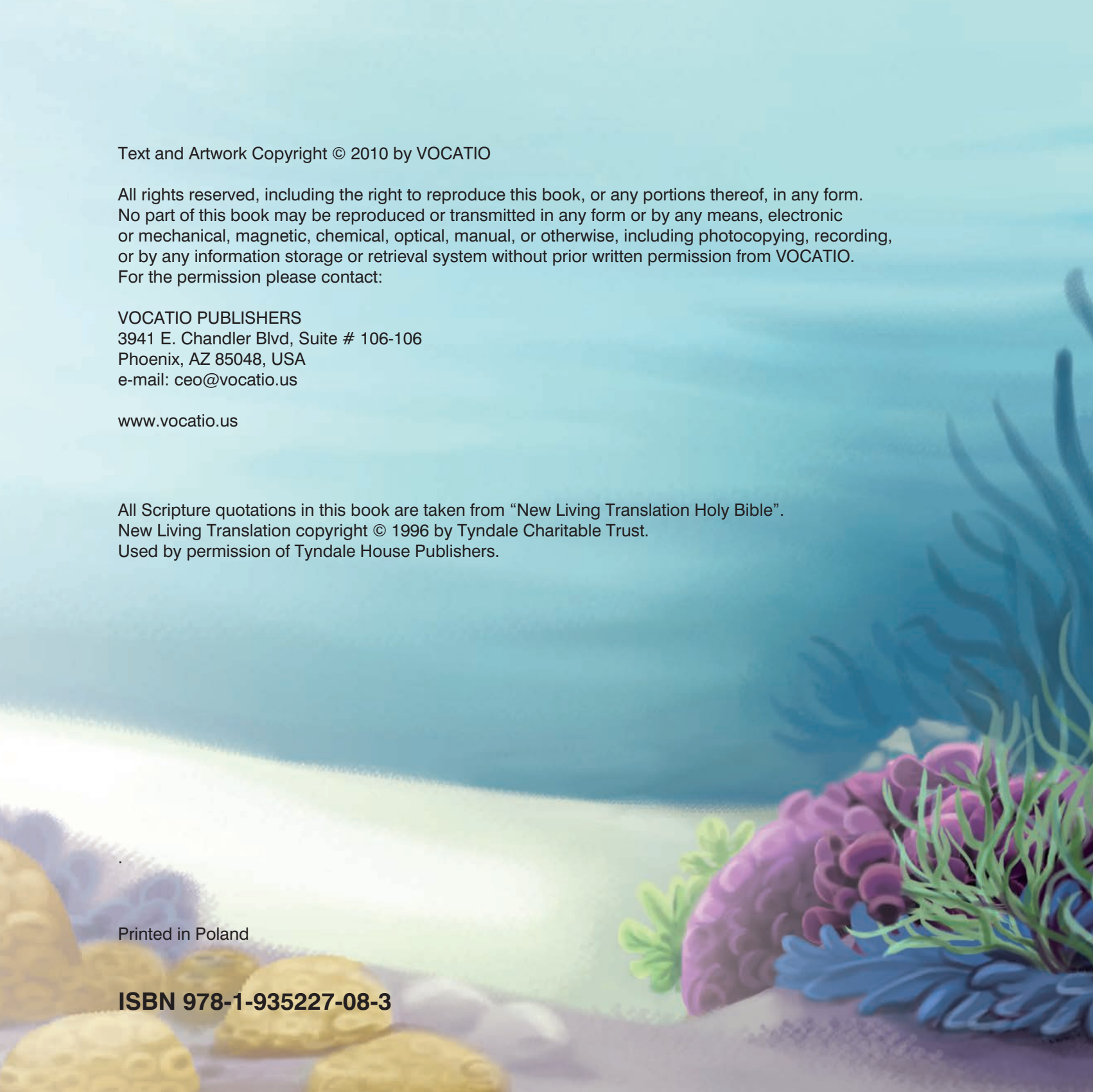
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An underwater scene with a sandy bottom, various colorful coral reefs, and sea anemones. The water is a clear, light blue. The coral includes purple, green, and blue varieties. The sea anemones are yellow and orange.

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*I*n the ocean there  
lived a young Dolphin.



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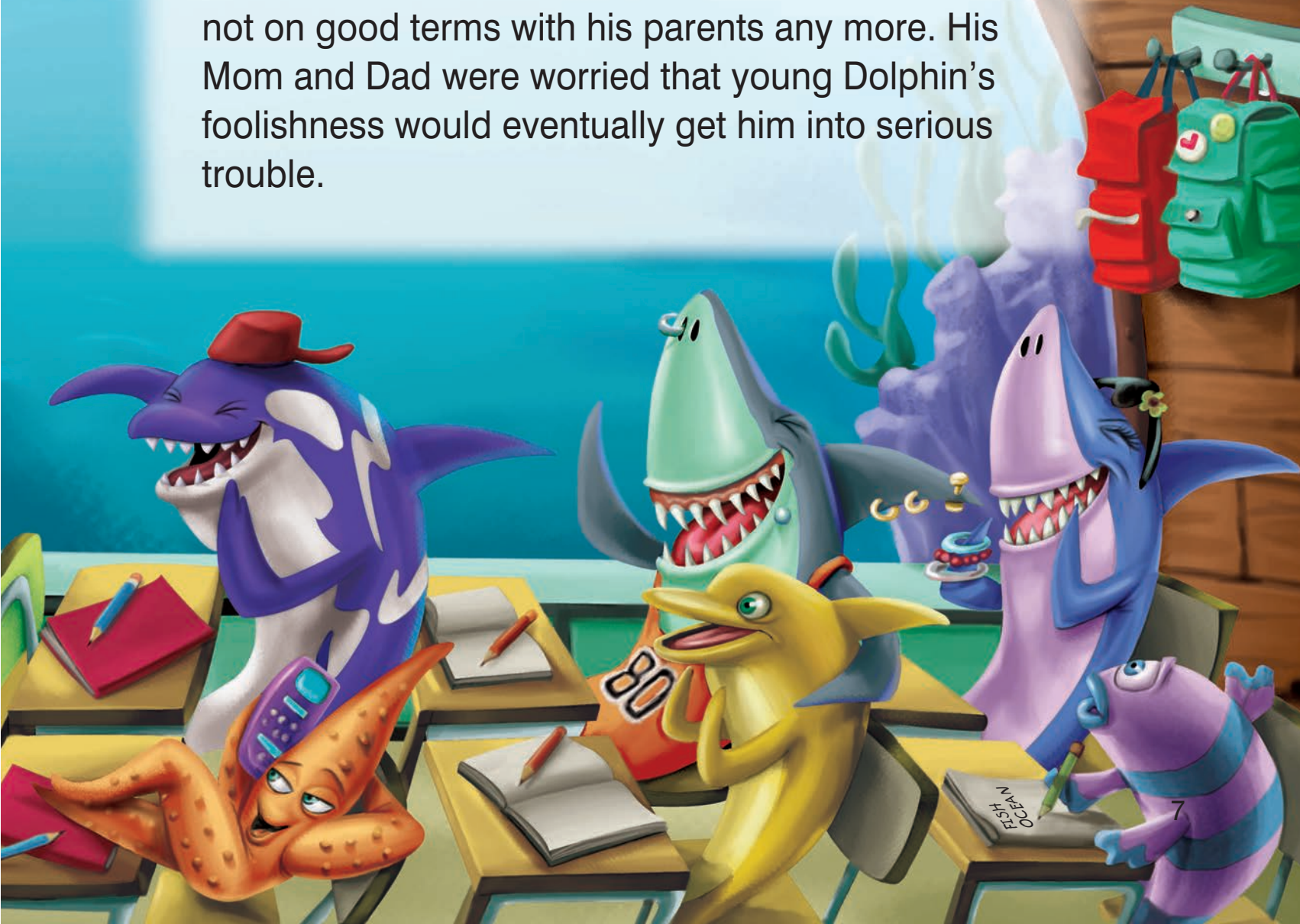
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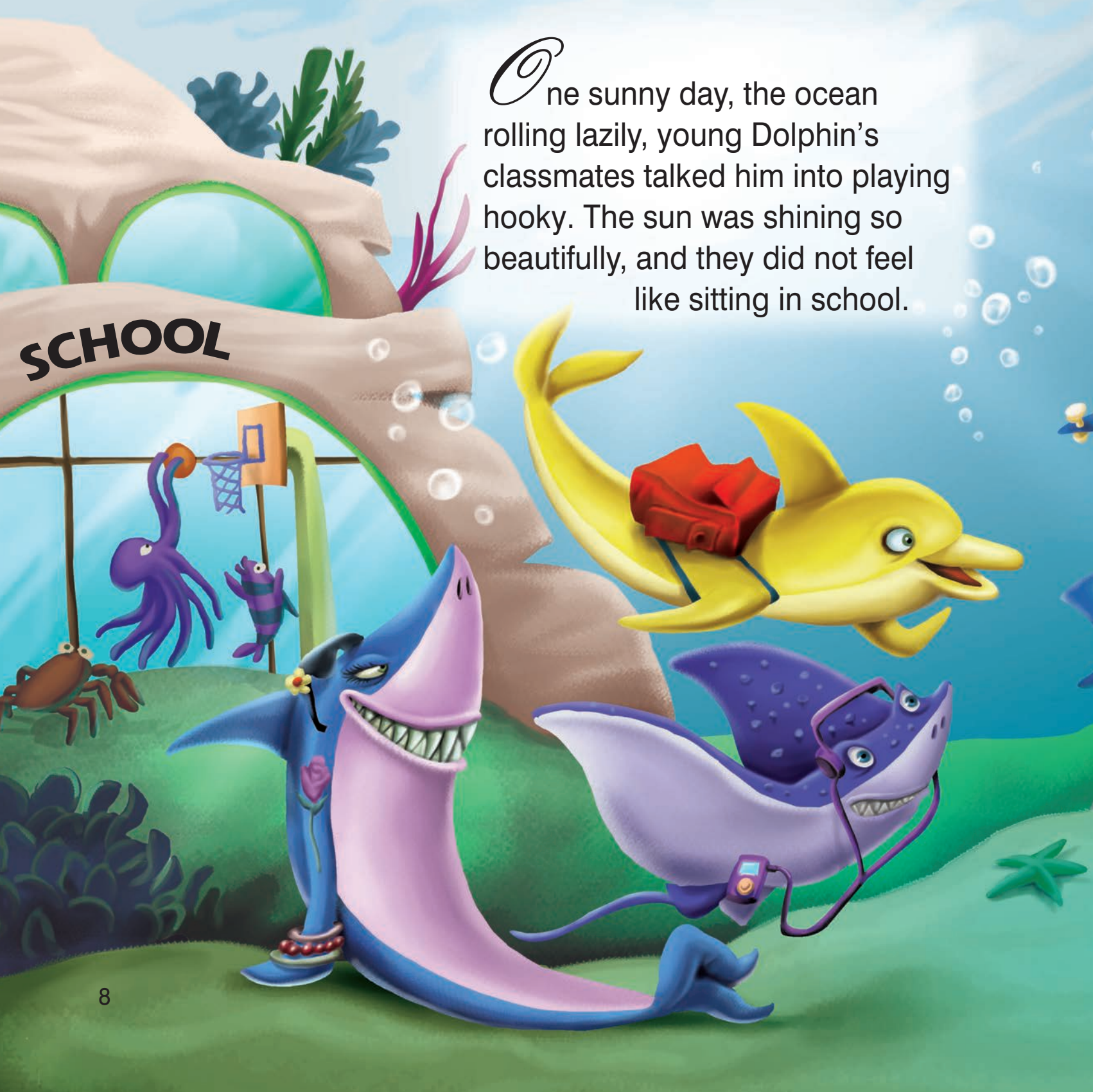




*W*hen he started going to school, he did not care about obeying his parents so much, but instead he would often follow the example of the kids from his class in order to win their esteem. This caused him more and more problems at school, and he was not on good terms with his parents any more. His Mom and Dad were worried that young Dolphin's foolishness would eventually get him into serious trouble.



One sunny day, the ocean rolling lazily, young Dolphin's classmates talked him into playing hooky. The sun was shining so beautifully, and they did not feel like sitting in school.



“So what are we going to do?” asked Starfish as he sat on a bench in front of the school.



*I*t was lunchtime and there were crowds everywhere. Numerous businessfish from the South Pacific swam into the city to discuss the new situation on the Seaweed Exchange Market and they were chatting about their promising contracts.



Many mothers with their kids were just returning from kindergartens. Elderly couples were taking a walk in the Reef Park.



*I* don't know, but surely we've got to do something crazy" said a young Orca.

"Let's go and buy ice cream and then let's swim to the movie theater" the Sharks suggested.



Young Dolphin suddenly became sad and said: “But I have no money.”

“No problem” the Sharks laughed. “We’ll buy you your ice cream.” The young Dolphin thought to himself how lucky he was to have such cool friends who liked him so much.

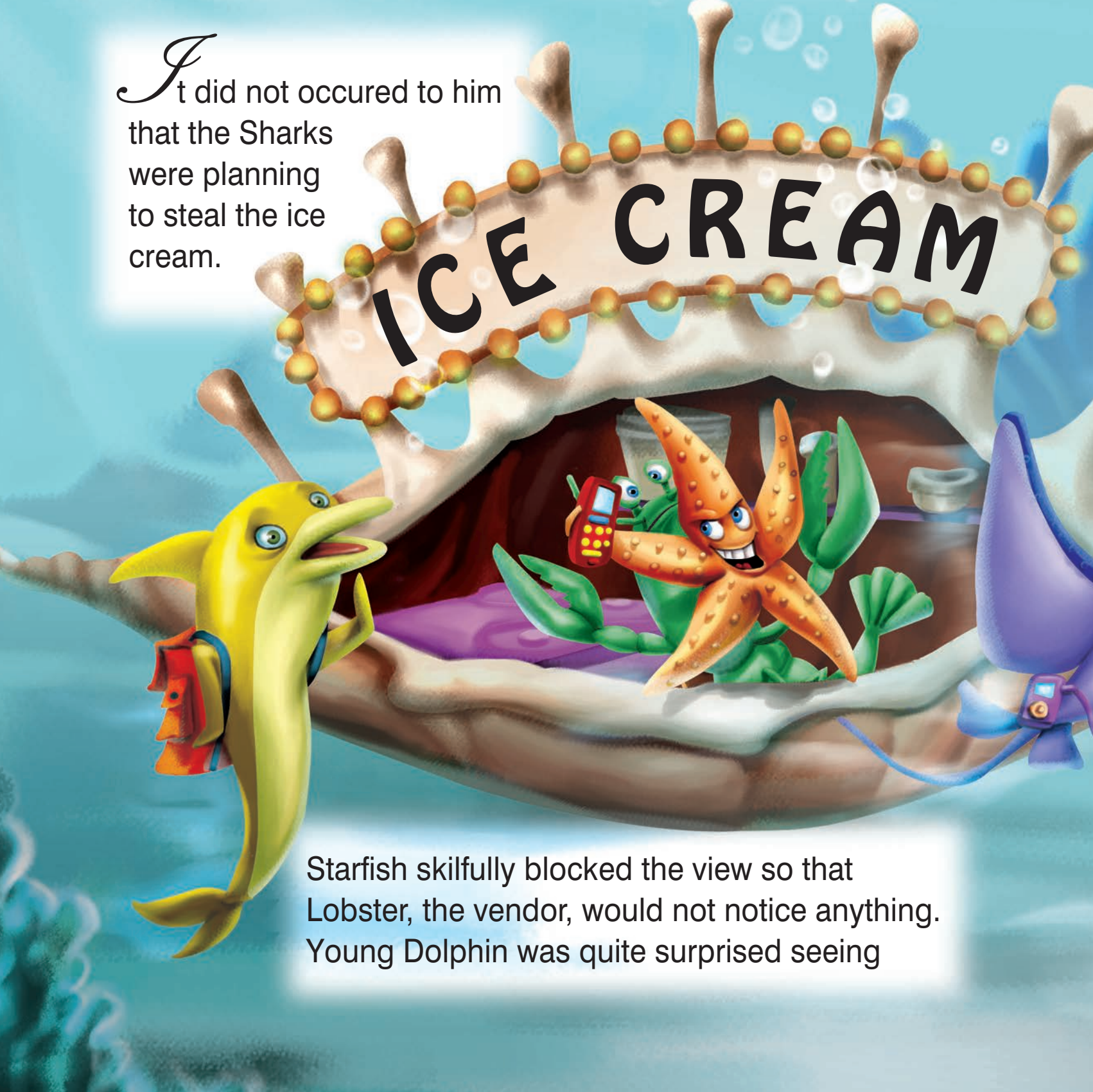
“Wait here in front of the store, and we will bring you the ice cream right away” said the Sharks, as they reached the store.”

“I will” the young Dolphin agreed not asking any more questions.



*I*t did not occurred to him that the Sharks were planning to steal the ice cream.

ICE CREAM



Starfish skilfully blocked the view so that Lobster, the vendor, would not notice anything. Young Dolphin was quite surprised seeing



everybody rapidly swim out of the store and immediately rush away to the other side of the bay. “It’s time to swim to the movie theater” said Starfish.



“The movie is about to begin.”

There was a sizeable crowd gathered in front of the movie theater. Everybody wanted to see the premiere of the latest movie, starring the famous Marlin.

“We’ve got to see this movie” Starfish said. “I’ve read the reviews, it’s going to make a smash hit this season.”





“I can stand in line for the tickets” the young Dolphin offered.

“Oh, it is not necessary” Ray Fish said. “I have admit cards. I’ll show them to the usherette and we can swim in.”



*S*tarfish smiled and swam to the entrance.  
They all swam inside along with the crowd.  
“Let’s sit at the back against the wall” Orca said.”



The young Dolphin could not understand why Orca did not prefer taking the middle seats in the front row which would give them the best view of the screen. Still he decided to keep silent not to look foolish in front of his peers.



*S*uddenly they all heard the usherette's gurgle:

“Ladies and gentlemen, may I have your attention? Please prepare your tickets for inspection, as there are more viewers in the auditorium than the tickets sold.”



When the Seahorses inspecting the tickets got to young Dolphin, he asked his classmate:

“*R*ay Fish, can you give me my admit card, so that I can show it to the ushers?”

Ray Fish started rummaging through her backpack.





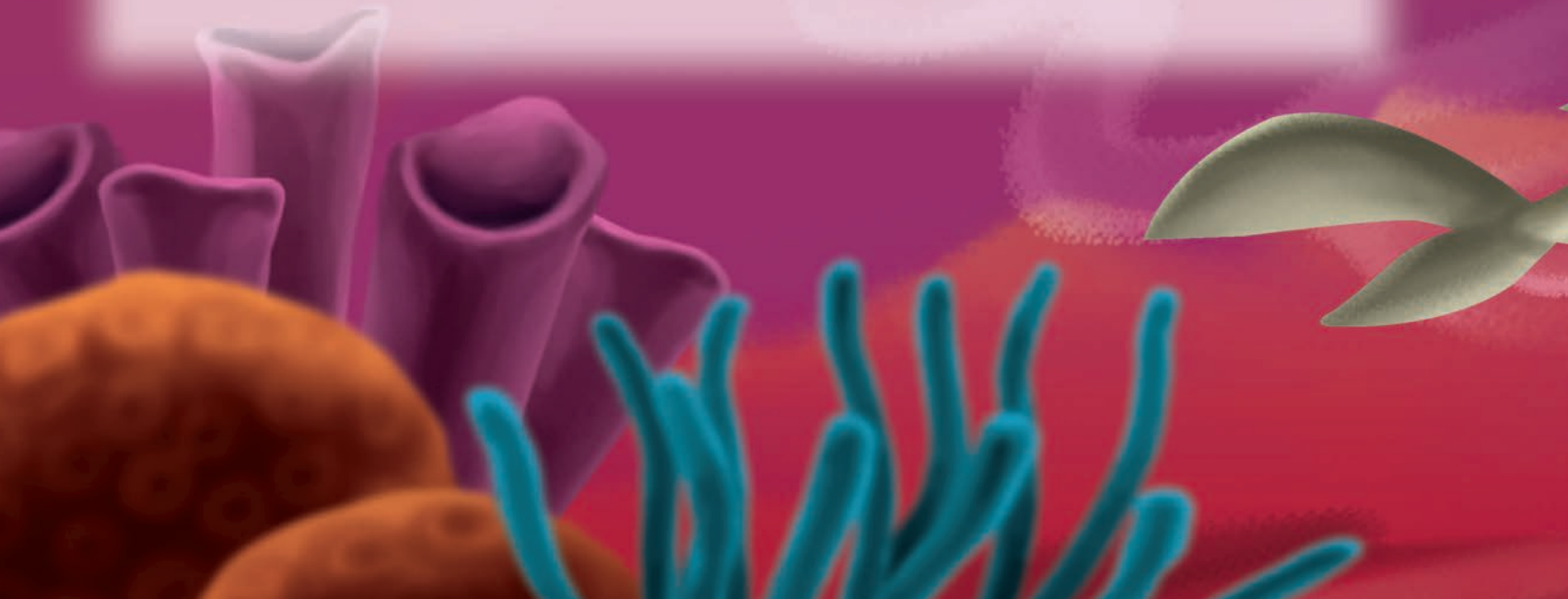
“They were right here in this fastened pocket, I swear! I must have lost them somewhere!”

“I am sorry, but I don’t believe you” said the usherette.

“I don’t remember anyone of you buying a ticket. And you took the seats of a family that is waiting downstairs.” She pointed at the family of Jellyfish waiting at the entrance to the auditorium. “They have valid tickets. I am afraid you will have to follow me to the movie theater manager.”



*Y*oung Dolphin was very ashamed. Everyone was watching him and his buddies being led out of the auditorium. As they gathered in a small office of Sea Lion, the movie theater manager, young Dolphin got scared, realizing it was no laughing matter. Sea Lion had already called his parents and informed them about the situation. He also called the fish police to take him back to his home. Young Dolphin was really afraid of what his parents would say. They had warned him so many times about keeping bad company and the problems that might result. Starfish, Orca and Ray Fish did not have a good reputation at school. And the Sharks? They were real rogues! Young Dolphin was really angry at himself for listening to them and playing hooky.



When Swordfish, a local policeman, walked him back home, his parent were already waiting, very distressed.

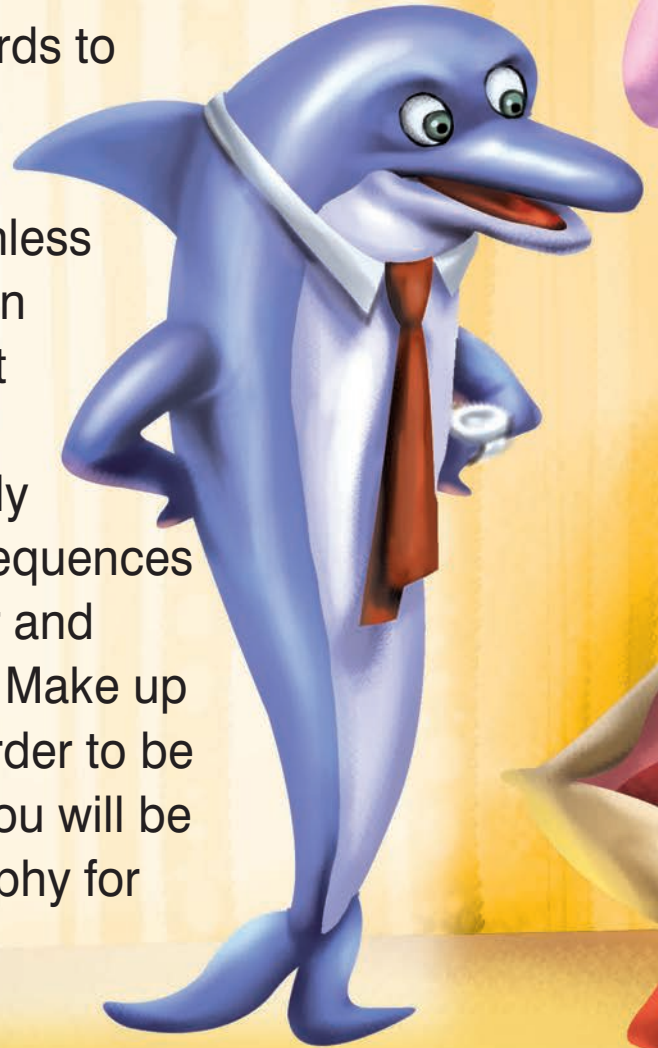


“Sit down, son” Papa Dolphin said firmly.” Today you have proved to me and your Mom how irresponsible you are. You made us very sad.”

“Dad!” the little Dolphin objected. “I did not know! Ray Fish said she had the admit cards to the movie theater.”

“Son,” his father interrupted him.

“We have been warning you that unless you change company, you will get in trouble. And here you are. You kept bad company and you missed the last class at school. So unfortunately now you will have to bear the consequences of your choices. Go to your teacher and apologize to him for your behavior. Make up for the class you have missed. In order to be useful to your school community, you will be helping the little Crabs with calligraphy for a whole month.”



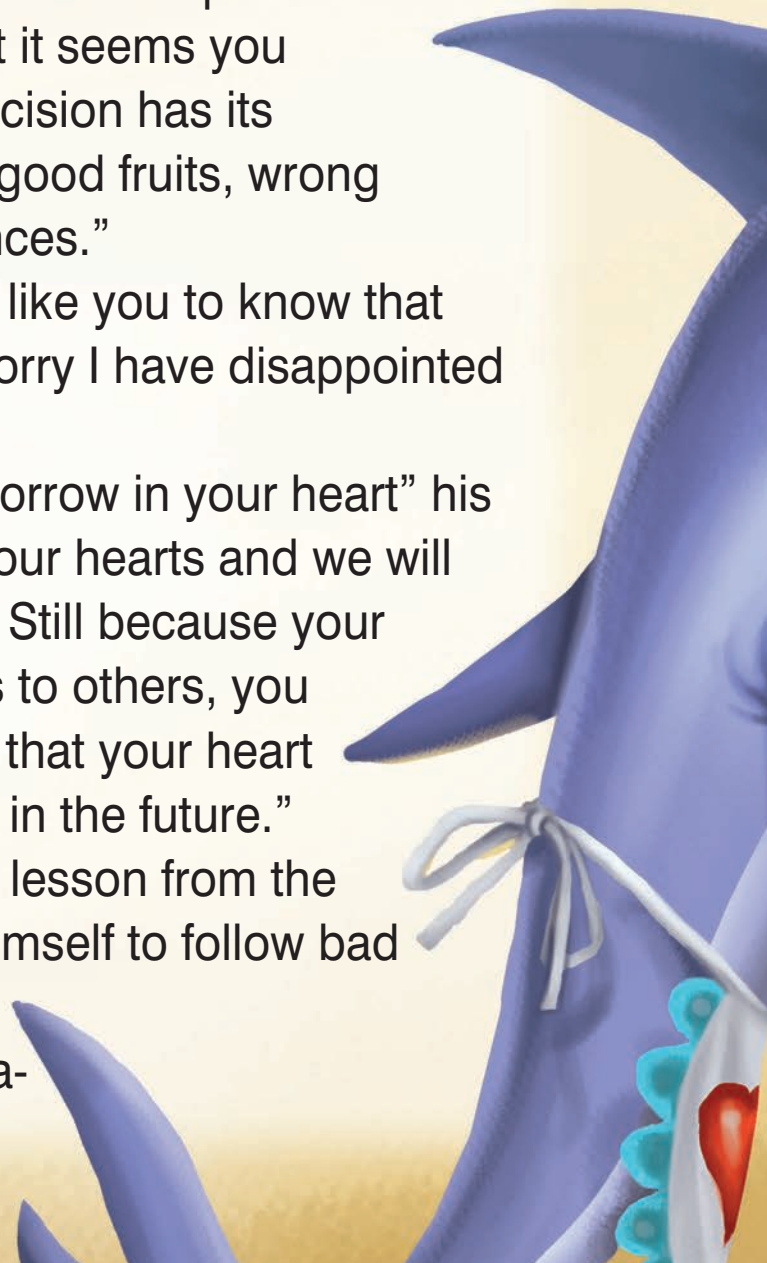


“*B*ut listen, Dad...” the young Dolphin burst into tears. “Son,” his Dad said softly. “You are lucky enough that the movie theater manager decided not to file a complaint in the Whale court. Still we have to make sure we are going to raise you to be a respectable Dolphin. We hoped such a situation would never happen, but it seems you had to learn first-hand that every decision has its consequences: right choices bring good fruits, wrong choices bring evil tough consequences.”

“I do understand, Dad. And I would like you to know that I regret what I have done. I am so sorry I have disappointed you. Will you, please, forgive me?”

“Son, we are so glad that you feel sorrow in your heart” his Mom said.” We forgive you with all our hearts and we will not mention this incident any more. Still because your behavior brought harm and distress to others, you have to bare the consequences, so that your heart can be strengthened in doing good in the future.”

The young Dolphin learned his lesson from the situation. He never again allowed himself to follow bad company. Many years later young Dolphin became a physician graduating from South Pacific Univeristy.







## **PARENTAL GUIDELINES**

***by Ross Campbell***

The Holy Scripture tells us that it is better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool in his folly (Proverbs 17:12). This is a situation of the utmost danger which every sensible man would always wish to avoid, at any cost. A bear that has lost her cubs is an unbridled fury, like an uncontrollable whirlwind, crushing everything in its way. Associating with a fool can be even more devastating. Also, the bear will eventually calm down while folly once it has snatched someone in its claws hardly ever goes away.

Experienced educators corroborate what the Bible teaches concerning principles of education. If children do not learn to value wisdom while they are still young, if they do not understand its rules and origins, for a long time they will be paying a high price for such negligence when they grow up. The results of their conduct will resemble a raging bear. The lack of the features which are quite easily to be acquired in young age thanks to a little bit of discipline and consistency will usually bring a vast measure of suffering, lost possibilities, damaged relationships, and irreparable losses during the adult years of life. No parent would want such a future for his or her child.

Unfortunately, it is not possible for children to bring themselves up with no impact whatsoever from the outside. There are always outer influences—people, media, entertainment or even the educational system—affecting them. The trouble starts when no caring, wise parent, tutor, or teacher guides the child's development; in such a situation young hearts become imbued with all that pours out from life's rubbish-dump. So as parents, we need to be actively involved in our children's life, not only once in a blue moon, but on a daily basis. While accompanying them in their journey to adulthood, let us faithfully and patiently practice the principle of natural consequences which is depicted so clearly on the pages of the Bible. There is no better or more efficient educational method in teaching wisdom than inevitable consequences.



# QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH CHILDREN:

1. **In what kind of family was young Dolphin growing up? What were the values kept by this family?**
  - a. Proverbs 3:21 “My child, don’t lose sight of common sense and discernment. Hang on to them.”
  - b. 3 John 1:11 “Dear friend, don’t let this bad example influence you. Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God’s children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God.”
  - c. Proverbs 22:6 “Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.”
2. **What aspects of school life seemed most attractive to young Dolphin? Did they represent the same values that his family abided by?**
  - a. Proverbs 15:32 “If you reject discipline, you only harm yourself; but if you listen to correction, you grow in understanding.”
  - b. Proverbs 24:1-2 “Don’t envy evil people or desire their company. For their hearts plot violence, and their words always stir up trouble.”
  - c. Proverbs 14:12 “There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.”
3. **What kind of company did young Dolphin choose for himself?**
  - a. Proverbs 15:21 “Foolishness brings joy to those with no sense; a sensible person stays on the right path.”
  - b. Ephesians 4:17-18 “With the Lord’s authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.”
4. **How would you characterize young Dolphin’s friends?**
  - a. Proverbs 2:14-15 “They take pleasure in doing wrong, and they enjoy the twisted ways of evil. Their actions are crooked, and their ways are wrong.”
  - b. Proverbs 4:16 “For evil people can’t sleep until they’ve done their evil deed for the day. They can’t rest until they’ve caused someone to stumble.”
  - c. Proverbs 10:20b and 23 “The heart of a fool is worthless. Doing wrong is fun for a fool, but living wisely brings pleasure to the sensible.”
5. **What were the values guiding the actions of young Dolphin’s friends?**
  - a. Proverbs 6:12 and 14 “What are worthless and wicked people like? They are constant liars. Their perverted hearts plot evil, and they constantly stir up trouble.”
  - b. Proverbs 14:14 “Backsliders get what they deserve; good people receive their reward.”
  - c. Proverbs 19:1 “Better to be poor and honest than to be dishonest and a fool.”
6. **In your opinion, were the consequences that young Dolphin had to bear just? Explain.**
  - a. Proverbs 13:20 “Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.”
  - b. Proverbs 22:8a “Those who plant injustice will harvest disaster.”
7. **Were these consequences good or bad?**
  - a. Matthew 7:17-18 “A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can’t produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can’t produce good fruit.”
  - b. Proverbs 13:13 “People who despise advice are asking for trouble; those who respect a command will succeed.”
  - c. James 1:12 “God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.”

- 8. Is there any chance that the choices we make in life will not cause any consequences?**
- Proverbs 10:9 “People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall.”
  - Proverbs 11:21 “Evil people will surely be punished, but the children of the godly will go free.”
  - Ephesians 5:15 “So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise.”
- 9. What is your evaluation of the choices made by young Dolphin?**
- Proverbs 22:3 “A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.”
  - Proverbs 14:15 “Only simpletons believe everything they’re told! The prudent carefully consider their steps.”
  - Proverbs 14:7 “Stay away from fools, for you won’t find knowledge on their lips.”
- 10. Was it wise to trust Starfish, as young Dolphin did? What else could he do?**
- 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 “Test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. Stay away from every kind of evil.”
  - James 1:5 “If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.”
  - Romans 12:2 “Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”
- 11. What was the main responsibility in the life of young Dolphin? Was he fulfilling it properly? Explain.**
- Proverbs 4:1 “My children, listen when your father corrects you. Pay attention and learn good judgment.”
  - Proverbs 8:33 “Listen to my instruction and be wise. Don’t ignore it.”
  - Proverbs 16:17 “The path of the virtuous leads away from evil; whoever follows that path is safe.”
- 12. How would you behave if you were in young Dolphin’s shoes?**
- 13. Do you think young Dolphin’s parents acted justly?**
- Hebrews 12:7 “As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father?”
  - Hebrews 12:11 “No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it’s painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.”
  - Proverbs 22:15 “A youngster’s heart is filled with foolishness, but physical discipline will drive it far away.”
- 14. What was young Dolphin’s attitude towards his parents?**
- Ephesians 6:1-3 “‘Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. ‘Honor your father and mother.’ This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, ‘things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth.’”
  - Proverbs 15:5 “Only a fool despises a parent’s discipline; whoever learns from correction is wise.”
  - Colossians 3:20 “Children, always obey your parents, for this pleases the Lord.”
- 15. What were some of the consequences of choices you have experienced so far in your life? Were they good or bad?**
- 16. What did you learn from them?**