

# Ocean Commotion

## Option 3

### “Bottle Your Promise”



#### Age Level:

5 - 10

#### Materials:

Ocean Commotion book by Julie Woik

Bottle - Large enough for the Letter to fit inside (clear plastic is best - spaghetti containers work perfect and only cost about \$5.00)

Print out the Letter page

Pen/Pencil/Marker

Sand/Small Aquarium Stones, Seashells, Plastic Fish or Seaweed, Small Trinkets (water/beach/ocean related)

#### Discover:

Read Ocean Commotion together. Discuss the meaning of the word honesty, and what it really stands for. Talk about the importance of Echo's decision to take all of the items to the town meeting to explain what she had unknowingly done. Discover the effects Echo's admission had on her, her friends, and the public at large.

#### Activity:

- Provide the child with the container.
- The child can put sand or stones at the bottom and then add fun items such as plastic seaweed, plastic fish, shells, or the like.
- Leave room to insert the Letter regarding HONESTY!
- Have the child write on the Letter page, how they feel about honesty. This is a note written to them, to remind them about the importance of their actions - both for themselves and for others!
- Put on the lid and the child can keep this in their room.

#### Take Action:

After clean up, have the child or children participating display their creation. Ask them to uphold their ideas of honesty, as it will make them feel good inside, grow their self-esteem, and allow them to become a wonderful example to everyone around them. Honesty isn't always easy...but we MUST strive to do our best!!!