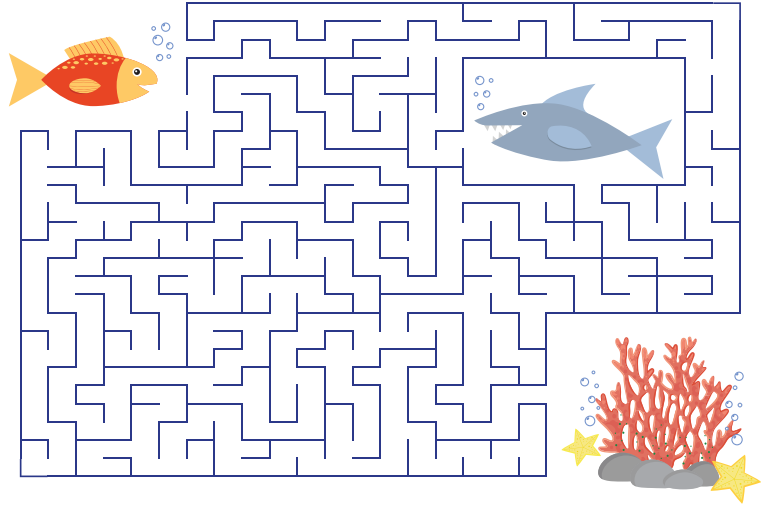


Have you ever gone swimming near a coral reef? Coral looks like a kind of rock, but it's actually made up of tube-like animals called polyps. Jesus created them to come in beautiful colors like red, green, orange, and purple. Check out these other cool coastal facts!

Help the goldfish find the reef.



- ✓ Coral reefs typically form in shallow ocean waters where there's sunny weather and lots of waves. The waves bring algae and zooplankton for the polyps to eat.
- ✓ Sea urchins, sponges, sea stars, clownfish, sharks, octopuses, sea horses, sea turtles, snails, and many other creatures make their homes in reefs.
- ✓ Reefs soften the impact of strong waves and storms on land.
- ✓ Some scientists think the biggest reefs took 100,000 years to grow. But how fast coral grows depends on things like sunlight, available food, and water temperature. That means all of today's reefs could have grown within the few thousand years since the global Flood.

Unscramble the words below.

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- fere _____
- vwae _____
- lorca _____
- hrsaeose _____
- fscwlonih _____

Find these creatures in the coral reef below.



Answers: polyps, reef, wave, coral, seahorse, clownfish



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