

# Olivia Finds a Glass Float



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Olivia filled her bucket with shells, pieces of driftwood, and interesting rocks. Olivia's parents continued walking down the beach, following Olivia. She found an unbroken sand dollar for her collection. She would ask her mother to tell her the legend of the sand dollar when they got home.

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Story Words

ago  
vacation  
picked  
rest  
oh  
mother  
sink  
along

family  
life  
forget  
day  
sand  
air  
beautiful



Story Words

giant  
shore  
loaded  
hours  
packing  
nets  
treasures  
spent

sat  
keeps  
arrived  
golden  
clothes  
tide  
lots

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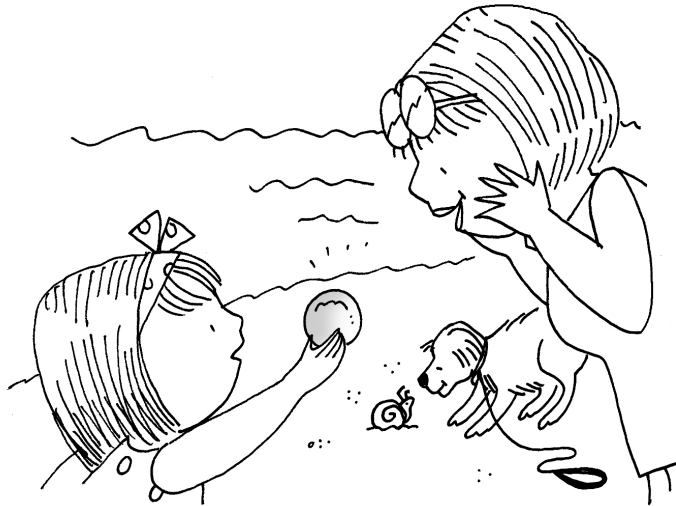


Odie chased shore birds along the beach. They stopped to examine a tide pool in which Olivia looked at sea lettuce, snails, barnacles, and a small starfish. She also found a few sea urchins and a crab. Olivia took several pictures of the sea life in the tide pool.



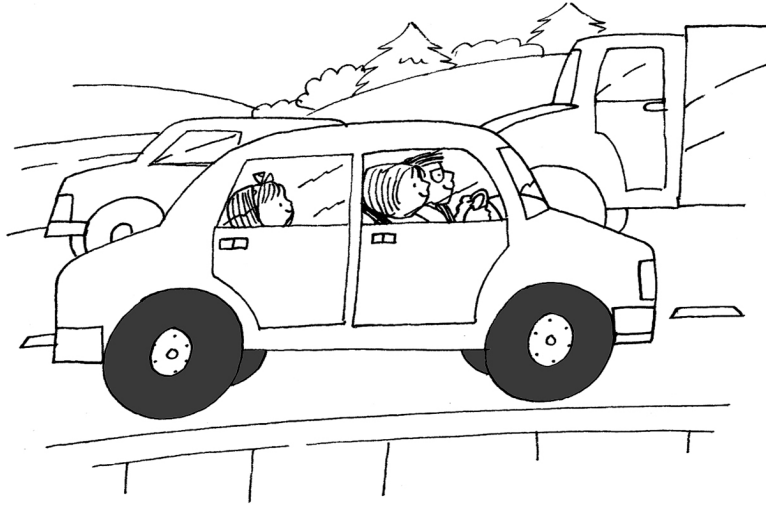
Olivia had gone to the beach two years ago. She was ready to go again. She was excited. Olivia and her family were going to the ocean in June. They would stay in a hotel right beside the ocean.

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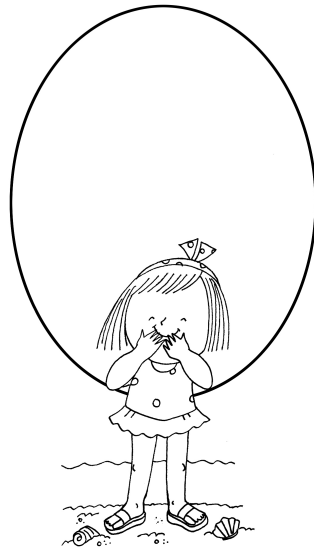
She stopped and bent over what looked like a giant bubble. Olivia picked up the bubble. "What is this?" Olivia asked. "Oh, my goodness, it is a float," exclaimed her mother. "What is a float?" asked Olivia.

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A few days before they left, Olivia began packing. Besides her clothes, she packed plenty of sunscreen, a sand bucket, a shovel, and a camera. Her family loaded up the car and drove for six hours. It was a warm, sunny day when they arrived at the ocean.

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"It is a hand blown glass ball. Floats are made to hold up nets for fishermen who are fishing in the ocean. This one probably came from Japan or China. It will not sink unless it is broken because it is perfectly sealed. The air inside keeps it afloat. It is very special to find a float because beachcombers quickly pick them up. This float has probably drifted for months, or even years, before you found it right here," explained her mother.

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After they checked in to the hotel, Olivia ran right out to the beach and began to look for shells. Her parents walked behind her with their dog, Odie. Odie was a big golden retriever who loved the ocean, too.

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Olivia spent the rest of her vacation collecting shells, rocks, and driftwood. She took lots of pictures, too. When she got home, she put her ocean pictures on the wall. Olivia put her sea rocks and shells on a special tray in her room. In the center of her ocean treasures sat her beautiful blue float. Olivia would never forget her trip to the ocean this year.

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