

# Whale Lesson for Multiple Ages

**Cetacea** is the name of the group of marine mammals of dolphins, whales, and porpoises. Did you know that dolphins are types of whales? Also, cetaceans are mammals. They have a few hairs on their bodies at some point and are warm-blooded. Cetaceans breathe air and feed their babies milk. It's odd to think of baby whales nursing while swimming, but they do, because that's how God created them.

There are two main types of whales. There are **toothed whales (odontocetes)** and **baleen whales (mysticetes)**.



Try drawing and labeling some of the parts of a humpback whale (a baleen whale) using the [Wild Hawaii Website](#). You'll scroll down a bit to find a labeled drawing.

There is also a lot of general information on humpbacks here (and no mention of evolution on this page).



Watch this video to learn about differences in baleen and toothed whales and make a chart showing the characteristics of each.

▶ 60 Second Spot: Whales, dolphins, and porpoises are broken into 2 groups: baleen & t...



Check out this video for a fun way to see the size of common whales compared to the size of a person. This is such a fun video for kids, especially if they like Legos!

▶ Whales size comparison with Lego minifigures (2020!!)



Here is a short video from some fun encounters in Hawaii during whale season. In the first few seconds of the video, you will hear humpback whales singing! It was amazing to be so close to them underwater that we could hear them so loudly. Interestingly, parts of whale songs can be heard by other whales thousands of miles away!

[Humpback whale season in Maui](#)



Look up Psalm 148:7 and have your child copy it. You can read all of Psalm 148 together to read about creation praising the Creator. It's truly an honor to hear giant humpback whales singing and praising their Creator! Pray with your child - thanking God for His creation of cetaceans.



Here's a beautiful poster from *Answers in Genesis* of whales for you to print out.

[Whale Poster from AIG](#)



Check out Nat Theo, a website and podcast of Eryn Lynum. You can watch or listen to this episode in which I join her and we chat about whales!

[Nat Theo Whales](#)