

## **Olly the Oyster Cleans the Bay Puppet Show Script**

Characters: Olly, Mr. Oyster, Mr. Blue Crab, Mrs. Barnacle, Mr. Sea Urchin, Mrs. Sea Cucumber, the Oysters on the Oyster Reef

*Teachers and parents: cut along the dotted lines and give each student their parts. It may be best to give each student one part so that more than one student plays Olly. After all parts are taken (there are 17) the remainder of the students can be part of the oyster reef. Use extra Olly puppets for the oysters on the oyster reef.*

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**Olly:** “Hi, I’m Olly. I want to clean the Chesapeake Bay, but I don’t know how.

I’ll ask Mr. Blue Crab. Maybe I can help him clean the Bay.

Excuse me, Mr. Crab. Can I help you clean the Bay?”

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**Mr. Blue Crab:** “I use my pincers to clean up carrion, like dead fish left behind by fisherman. For me it is yummy food. But, you do not have pincers like I do. You cannot help me clean the Bay.”

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**Olly:** “Okay. I’ll ask Mrs. Sea Cucumber. Maybe I can help her. Pardon me, Mrs. Sea Cucumber. Can I help you clean the Bay?”

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*Mrs. Sea Cucumber:* “I use my fingers to clean up animal waste in the sediment. For me it is yummy food. But, you do not have fingers like I do. You cannot help me clean the Bay.”

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*Olly:* “Okay. I’ll ask Mrs. Barnacle. She might need help. Excuse me, Mrs. Barnacle. Can I help you clean the Bay?”

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*Mrs. Barnacle:* “I use my feet to grab detritus that floats in the water. Detritus makes the water cloudy, so I clean it up. But, you do not have legs and feet like I do. You cannot help me clean the Bay.”

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*Olly:* “Okay. I’ll ask Mr. Sea Urchin. Maybe I can help him. Excuse me, Mr. Sea Urchin. Can I help you clean the Bay?”

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*Mr. Sea Urchin:* “I use my teeth to scrape small plants called algae off of rocks. Animals cannot settle on rocks with algae, so I clean it up. But, you do not have strong teeth like I do. You cannot help me clean the Bay.”

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*Olly:* “I feel sad. I want to clean the Bay, but I don’t know how, and no one will let me help them.”

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*Mr. Oyster:* “Why are you so sad, little oyster?”

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*Olly:* “I am sad because I don’t have pincers, or fingers, or sharp teeth, or legs and feet.”

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*Mr. Oyster:* “No, you don’t have any of those. You are an oyster like us. Why don’t you stay here with us on the oyster reef?”

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*Oyster Reef:* “Stay here with us!”

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*Olly:* “You don’t understand. I want to help clean the Bay like the blue crab, and the barnacle, and the sea cucumber, and the sea urchin.”

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*Mr. Oyster:* “Little oyster, you clean the Bay every time you breathe. There is detritus and algae in the water that can make the water cloudy. But for us, it is food. When water passes through our shells, the food sticks to our sticky gills and clean water is left behind.”

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*Olly:* Wow! I can filter the water just by eating and breathing. I’ve been cleaning the Chesapeake Bay all along!

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*Oyster reef:* Clean up with Olly!

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*Instructions for stick puppets*

Print out coloring sheets from the Kids Page on OllytheOyster.com and have students color Olly and his friends. Then cut out the characters and glue them to popsicle or craft sticks. Cut out extra Olly pages to represent the oysters on the oyster reef.

*Note: if you decide to give one part of the script to each student (there are 17), you will need:*

*8 Ollys*

*3 Mr. Oysters*

*1 Mrs. Barnacle*

*1 Mr. Blue Crab*

*1 Mrs. Sea Cucumber*

*1 Mr. Sea Urchin*

*at least 2 extra Ollys for the oyster reef*