

## GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF THINGS

SEA	Splash! Splash!
FISH	Bubble-Bubble
FRIEND (or FRIENDS)	Hello there!
SEA HORSE	Neigh-Neigh
TREASURE	Gold! Gold!
DIVER	Blub-blub-blub!

There once lived way down at the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_, a FRIENDLY little FISH \_\_\_\_ named Finny FISH \_\_\_\_\_. Now this little FISH \_\_\_\_ who way down at the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_ and who was named Finny FISH \_\_\_\_ had a lot of FRIENDS \_\_\_\_ among the other FISH \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, down at the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_ all the FISH \_\_\_\_ were Finny's FRIENDS \_\_\_\_\_. She even had some FRIENDS \_\_\_\_ at the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_ who were not FISH \_\_\_\_\_.

One of these FRIENDS \_\_\_\_ who lived at the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_ and was not a FISH \_\_\_\_, was Sam SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_\_. Finny's FRIEND \_\_\_\_, Sam SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_, liked living at the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_ with the other FISH \_\_\_\_ except that the other FISH \_\_\_\_ would not be FRIENDS \_\_\_\_ with Sam SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_\_.

Finny FISH \_\_\_\_ said that she didn't care if Sam SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_ didn't look like her other FISH \_\_\_\_ FRIENDS \_\_\_\_\_. And this is how a beautiful FRIENDSHIP started at the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_ between Finny FISH \_\_\_\_ and Sam SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_\_.

There were many a DIVER \_\_\_\_ who came to the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_ to hunt for sunken TREASURE \_\_\_\_\_. Now Finny FISH \_\_\_\_ and Sam SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_ knew the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_ well and they had seen a TREASURE \_\_\_\_ chest many times while playing among the SEAweed and plants at the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_\_.

Finny FISH \_\_\_\_ and Sam SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_ hadn't told anyone about the TREASURE \_\_\_\_ chest for it was their own private hiding place. Finny FISH \_\_\_\_ and Sam SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_ had many hours of fun at the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_ playing hide and seek and Finny FISH'S \_\_\_\_ favorite place to hide was in the TREASURE \_\_\_\_ chest. This made it hard for Sam SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_ to find her because Finny FISH \_\_\_\_ was so shiny that she glittered just like the Gold pieces in the TREASURE \_\_\_\_ chest.

One day while Finny FISH \_\_\_\_ and San SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_ were playing their usual hide and seek game at the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_, all of Finny FISH \_\_\_\_'s FRIENDS \_\_\_\_ came swimming up with a warning that a DIVER \_\_\_\_ was coming down to the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_ to look for the TREASURE \_\_\_\_ chest.

Just as the DIVER \_\_\_\_ came down to the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_ looking for the TREASURE \_\_\_\_, all the FISH \_\_\_\_ FRIENDS \_\_\_\_ swam away to hide from the DIVER \_\_\_\_ who was hunting TREASURE \_\_\_\_\_.

Sam SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_ was the last one to leave because he didn't see Finny FISH \_\_\_\_ in the group of FRIENDS \_\_\_\_ and he was beginning to worry about Finny FISH \_\_\_\_\_. Just as the DIVER \_\_\_\_ was about to reach the TREASURE \_\_\_\_ chest, he saw what he thought was a Gold piece fall out of the TREASURE \_\_\_\_ chest and land on the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_\_. The DIVER \_\_\_\_ was so greedy that he reached for it only to have it swim speedily away. For it was only Finny FISH \_\_\_\_ and not a Gold piece at all! But when the DIVER \_\_\_\_ had reached, he had pulled off his face mask and had to surface without the TREASURE \_\_\_\_ chest form the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_\_.

All the FISH \_\_\_\_ FRIENDS \_\_\_\_ at the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_ were so happy that Finny FISH \_\_\_\_ got safely away from the DIVER \_\_\_\_ and Sam SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_ was especially happy because what really happened that day at the bottom of the SEA \_\_\_\_ was seen by all the FISH \_\_\_\_ FRIENDS \_\_\_\_\_. They knew now that Sam SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_ was really a FISH \_\_\_\_'s best FRIEND \_\_\_\_ and from then on they were always be his FRIENDS \_\_\_\_\_. Sam SEA HORSE \_\_\_\_ had saved Finny FISH \_\_\_\_\_. They learned that "A FRIEND \_\_\_\_ in Need Is a FRIEND \_\_\_\_ Indeed.