Ocean Hall
Pre-Visit Story
Morning at the Museum
When I am at the National Museum of Natural History, I can visit the Ocean Hall. This exhibit tells the story of the ocean and the plants and animals that live in it.
Ways I Will See

• There are many things to see in the Ocean Hall.
• I can look up and I can look down. I can go left or I can go right.
• It is a very big hall and I will stay with my adult.
• I will look at one thing at a time.
• I might not get to see everything.
Things I May Hear or Watch

• There are many sounds to hear in Ocean Hall.

• There are many videos to watch in Ocean Hall.

• I might see a video of a scientist on a boat. Or of the deep ocean and the animals that live there.

• If it is too noisy for me I will let my adult know so we can take a break.
I will see different kinds of things on display in the Ocean Hall.
I will see living animals.
I will see animals that used to be living, they are in jars of liquid.
• I will see fossils. They were alive a long time ago.
• I will see models. They are made to look like living animals, but they were never alive.
Coral Reef

- There is a real Coral Reef I can look at.
- I will see animals in it: like fish and coral.
- I can look but I should not tap on the glass. The animals don’t like it.
Giant Squid

- There is a Giant Squid in the Ocean Hall
- She is in a glass tank filled with a special liquid.
- She used to be alive.
- I can touch the glass she is in gently.
- She will not hurt me, but if I am scared I will tell my grown up.
• There is a Megalodon Jaw in Ocean Hall
• It is much bigger than my jaw.
• It is a fossil, which means it more than 10,000 years old.
The Whale

- I can look up and see a very big whale.
- Her name is Phoenix.
- Phoenix isn’t real; she’s a model.
- There is a real whale named Phoenix swimming in the ocean.
• There are things I can touch in the exhibit that will teach me about the ocean.
• There are drawers I can open carefully.
• There are replicas of fossils.
• There are interactive computers that I can use.
Science on the Sphere

- There is a big globe that plays a movie on it.
- I can sit and watch the movie.
- I do not have to watch the movie if I do not want to.
Exploring

- There are many things to explore in the Ocean Hall.
- If I find something scary I do not have to look at it.
- I can let my adult know and we can keep walking.
Exiting the Exhibit

- At the exit of Ocean Hall I can either go into the Human Origins Hall or the African Voices Hall.
- If I want, I can stay in the Ocean Hall.
- Natural History is a big museum and it is okay if I don’t see everything today.