

# Terry the Sea Turtle and the Terrible Plastic Straw



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Hey there, how are you?  
My name's Terry,  
Terry the Sea Turtle,  
from Padre Island, Texas.



Did you know that there are seven kinds of sea turtles in God's oceans? It's as if God wanted a sea turtle for each day of the week!

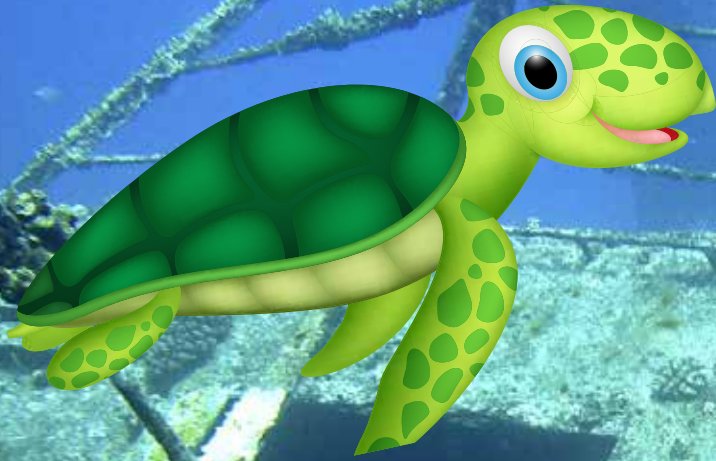




I'm a Kemp's Ridley turtle,  
and we are found all the way  
from Mexico to Maine. Some  
of us have even made it to the  
waters off Ireland — top of the  
morning to ya!

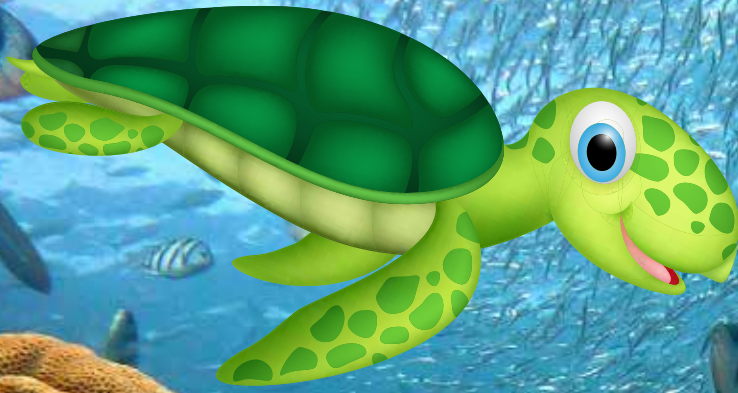






About 50 years ago my kind almost went extinct — something I don't think God, who created us, would have liked very much. Humans harvested our eggs and hunted us until we were almost gone. But then protections were put in place and humans helped us survive.





You helped us then, and now  
it's time to help us again.

That's because we're in trouble  
once more due to what humans  
are doing. A big culprit is all  
the plastic trash that ends up  
in God's oceans, including  
plastic straws.



How would you like it if someone stuck a plastic straw up your nose and you couldn't get it out? That's what happened to a friend of mine, Hosea, from Costa Rica.

I've got just one thing to say about that:

**It's wrong; it doesn't belong!**



Or what if you accidentally swallowed one and it made a hole inside you, like it did to another friend of mine? And just the other day I met a turtle who was starving because he felt full from all the plastic he had swallowed. He just kept on thinking he didn't need to eat because his stomach was full of plastic.

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Thankfully, there are people who help some of my fellow sea turtles to recover from the harm done to us by plastic in the ocean. But the need is too great to help us all. Over half of us have ingested plastic.





A close-up photograph of a pile of debris on a beach. The pile consists of dry, brown sticks and twigs, some green and brown leaves, and several pieces of plastic waste. Visible items include a red plastic bottle cap, a blue plastic bottle cap, a green plastic bottle cap, and a pink plastic bottle cap. The debris is scattered across a dark, wet surface, likely sand or mud.

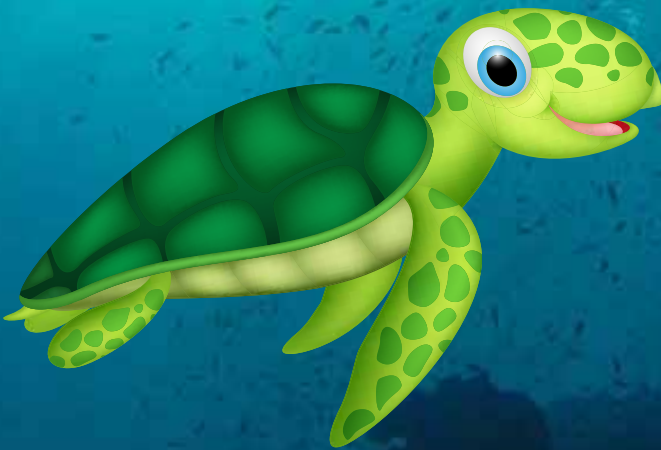
In some places there's so much plastic, it would be like someone dumping a huge pile of dirty plastic on your bed and in your room, making it hard for you to sleep or even move around.



I bet Jesus would not be pleased if he saw all this plastic trash in his Father's oceans. What if, when he told the disciples to cast their nets to catch fish (Lk 5:4-6), all they caught was plastic trash?

What you need to do is help stop plastic straws and other plastic pollution from getting into the ocean in the first place.

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Help create a cleaner, safer, and healthier environment for me and my family and my friends. Say "NO!" to plastic straws.

Take The Last Straw Campaign's Children's Pledge.  
Thanks!