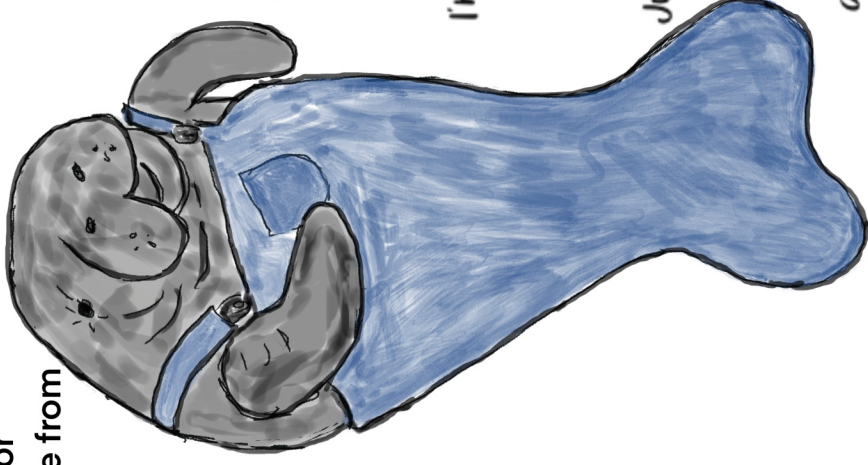


Make an acrostic using the word **MANATEE**. For each letter, add something about the manatee from the poem (or online, with parental guidance).

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If I were a manatee, living in the big blue sea,  
I'd grow seagrass – a seagrass farmer I would be!  
There would be enough for me and for you,  
and I would grow seagrass for the sea turtles too.  
It's what I'd grow, and it's what I'd eat.  
I'm a mammalian herbivore, so I would have no meat.  
If you visit my farm, you can give me a hand.  
Just be ready to swim, since I'm not farming on land.



Seagrass grows on the ocean floor;  
and since so much is gone, we manatees need more!  
A seagrass farmer would be my manatee dream -  
to grow food that also helps the water stay clean!

Evolutionary scientists tell us that manatees evolved from a kind of land animal. However, the Bible tells us that God created them as swimming creatures on the fifth day of creation. Manatees have always been swimming creatures! In your Bible, look up and copy Genesis 1:20-23.