




# Ripples - first season

**Directed by:**  
**Produced by:** Animabit  
**Duration:** 26x10'  
**Versions:**    
**Format:** HD

The Ripples series has been carefully conceived so that each episode strikes a delicate balance between adventure, fun and education. The subject area of each episode may focus on a particular sea environment (natural phenomena or living things), or concentrate on the main character's interaction with the human world. The plot in each episode is closely linked to the features of the characters. The protagonist, a little boy called Ripples, is the one who is best able to act on the information he gathers. The pelican Icarus, who is something of a mentor figure for the group, often has the task of instigating a quest in the earlier stages of the episode. The octopus Polly and the hermit crab Jason provide the comic moments. In each adventure, the importance of friendship and working together are always brought to the fore. On many occasions the members of the group will meet up with new characters, who play a specific role in each story.



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# Episodes



## **The magic amphora**

On the beach, Ripples, Polly and Jason meet a turtle and are lead to Icarus the pelican's fishing boat. The turtle makes a rather rough manoeuvre and Ripples ends up in the seabed next to an amphora where the tiny Moreno is hiding away from "threatening" shadows.



## **The missing pearls**

Ripples, Polly and Jason, after having picked up two doubloons found in a safe, offer to help several oysters find their pearls, mysteriously gone missing at night. During their search they come across a group of small craters that give off strong puffs of air.



## **The firefly lamp**

Under the sea. Jason suddenly wakes up and realizes his shell is missing. Ripples has rushed to the beach to find it, he finds it difficult to see in the dark but is helped by the firefly Lulù and her friends, who make light for him so he may complete his mission successfully.



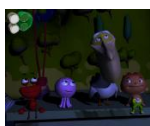
## **Kiko the dolphin**

Kiko the dolphin has always lived in captivity in a water circus. He manages to escape to see the wonders of the sea. He meets Ripples and his friends, who are very curious and start asking him about the details of the journeys they think he has made.



## **Charlotte the oyster**

Lillo tells Ripples, Polly and Jason that his little brothers are born. So, our three friends set off for the beach to find presents for the babies. After finding some toy windmills they go back underwater and meet Charlotte the oyster who would like to come along with them, but is too big and heavy to move and our three friends just can't pull her.



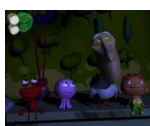
## **The urchinday**

Daybreak. Icarus is suddenly woken up by Ripples who, covered in seaweed, reminds him of Giù Giù, the spook of the grotto blue. Followed by Polly and Jason, Ripples dives down to find a present for the "urchinday" of their urchin friend Spillo (Pinprick).



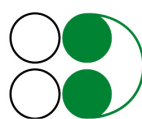
## **The chick**

Cliffs. Mother seagull loses one of the five eggs she is brooding, which ends up on the beach. Jason finds it just as it's hatching. The newly born chick, seeing the crab wearing a pair of wings he had made to try to learn to fly, mistakes him for his father and imitates his every movement.



## **The king of the seagulls**

Ripples, Polly and Jason show Icarus three objects they received from Lucinda. The pelican shows them the Feather of Honour received years back from the King of the Seagulls, but a flurry of wind blows it away, a flying gurnard catches it in flight and dives back into the water.



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### **A sea of... garbage**

A large boat is sailing around and spreading garbage everywhere: a can falls near Ripples, Polly and Jason who, joined by Lucinda - with a tyre stuck on her shell - decide to go to Icarus and ask for his help to put an end to this havoc. The pelican tells the three friends to collect all the rubbish and goes off to see Giusy, who will take all the garbage back to the boat.



### **The rainbow**

Ripples, Polly and Jason have dived under water during a rain shower and meet Lillo, who tells them to go somewhere else because the vault of his den is about to crumble away. Saddened by the news, they all join Icarus, who seeing a rainbow appear after the storm tells them all about the legend of the treasure at the end of the multi-coloured arch.



### **Star little star**

Ripples, Polly and Jason wake up in the night and join Icarus in admiring a beautiful sky full of shooting stars. The pelican tells them that whoever finds one can obtain fantastic powers and this sets our three friends off to chase a shooting star that has just landed in the sea. But when they reach the star, they feel no particular effect and just fall asleep by it.



### **Doctor Jason**

Beach. Ripples pricks himself with a thorn as he is playing with Polly and Jason. The three run to the fishing boat, where Dr. Otto, a large octopus, takes the thorn out of Ripples's foot and, assisted by Jason, dresses the injury. Impressed by the crab's skill he suggests he study medicine and replace him for a few days.



### **Polly the babysitter**

Ripples and Jason are busy employing several objects found on the beach as musical instruments (with unpleasant effects), but are also concerned about Polly's absence, so they dive into the water and start looking for her. Their friend is busy babysitting the young cuttlefish Guizzo, something that turns out to be rather demanding, as he is a real pest who never misses an opportunity to slip away from her.



### **The little bird from the sea**

Ripples, Polly and Jason meet a little bird who has just completed a long journey to spend the winter on their beach. Inspired by him, they decide to build a raft and discover the seas. But their vessel sinks right away and our budding sailors end up at the bottom of the sea, where they decide to postpone their journey to the next day.



### **Autumn is near**

Autumn is close at hand. On the beach Ripples, Polly and Jason meet Gegè, a poet swallow who charms Polly with his verses. Feeling jealous Ripples and Jason go away and try to compose their own poem. After asking Icarus for advice, they find the right inspiration under the sea and rush back to recite their verses to Polly and Gegè, but their poetic effort turns out to be rather awkward.



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### **The bungling sardine**

Bottom of the sea. During the grand annual parade for the departure of the sardines, Samy is still always bumping into her companions, who tell her off at the end of the show. Ripples, Polly and Jason try to console her and she reveals to them that she finds it difficult to follow the emcee's orders because of her orientation difficulties.



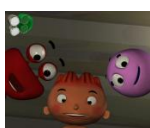
### **The penguin**

Under the sea. Her mother tells Giusy, the little whale, that they're about to set off on their first journey: destination South Pole. She goes off to the fishing boat to give the exciting news to Ripples and his friends.



### **The two turtles**

Ripples, Polly and Jason, after meeting Lucinda, who is getting ready for the carnival, go off to the beach, where they meet Helga, a land turtle who wants to learn to swim. The three try and do everything they can to make her wish come true, but a wave drags them onto a reef in the middle of the sea.



### **Happy birthday Ripples**

Night time. Icarus is plotting something with Joe the cormorant, who gives him a mysterious sack. The next morning Ripples wakes up and doesn't see Jason and Polly. He asks Lucinda to give him a lift to the beach, but she refuses, saying she's very busy. After swimming to the beach he finally finds his friends, who make up a load of strange excuses to refuse to play with him.



### **Wild Oscar**

Ripples, Polly and Jason meet the bad-tempered hermit crab Oscar, who scares them off with his hard to handle temperament. They talk about their encounter to Icarus, who thinks that Oscar is probably suffering from loneliness and suggests they find a sea anemone to keep him company.



### **A home for Esmeralda**

Sara the seal and young Esmeralda watch as their den is being destroyed by a group of men who are building a harbour and go to see their friend Icarus to ask for advice. Having heard from a seagull that the seals are on their way, the pelican heads to the fishing boat taking Polly and Jason along, while Ripples wants to swim there and challenges Icarus to a race.



### **Journey into the depths**

Icarus has a bad cold and Ripples suggests he Polly and Jason go collect some healing seaweed down in the great depths of the sea. Jason, though scared of the dark place where the herbs grow, decides to go along with the others in the hope of finding the old shell he dropped there years back.



### **A dolphin called Jason**

While playing with Polly and Ripples, Jason bangs his head, loses his memory and thinks he is Kiko the dolphin. So he joins a shoal of what he believes to be his fellow creatures, but when he meets the real Kiko, he is faced with the evidence of his true identity and begins to cry in despair about his condition of being nothing but a hermit crab.



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### **United we stand, divided we fall**

Beach. Ripples, hiding behind a tree-trunk, makes Jason believe he's a talking tree; at the same time, Polly does the same with two of her friends. They then tell Icarus all about their practical jokes and a discussion arises about who's better between males and females.



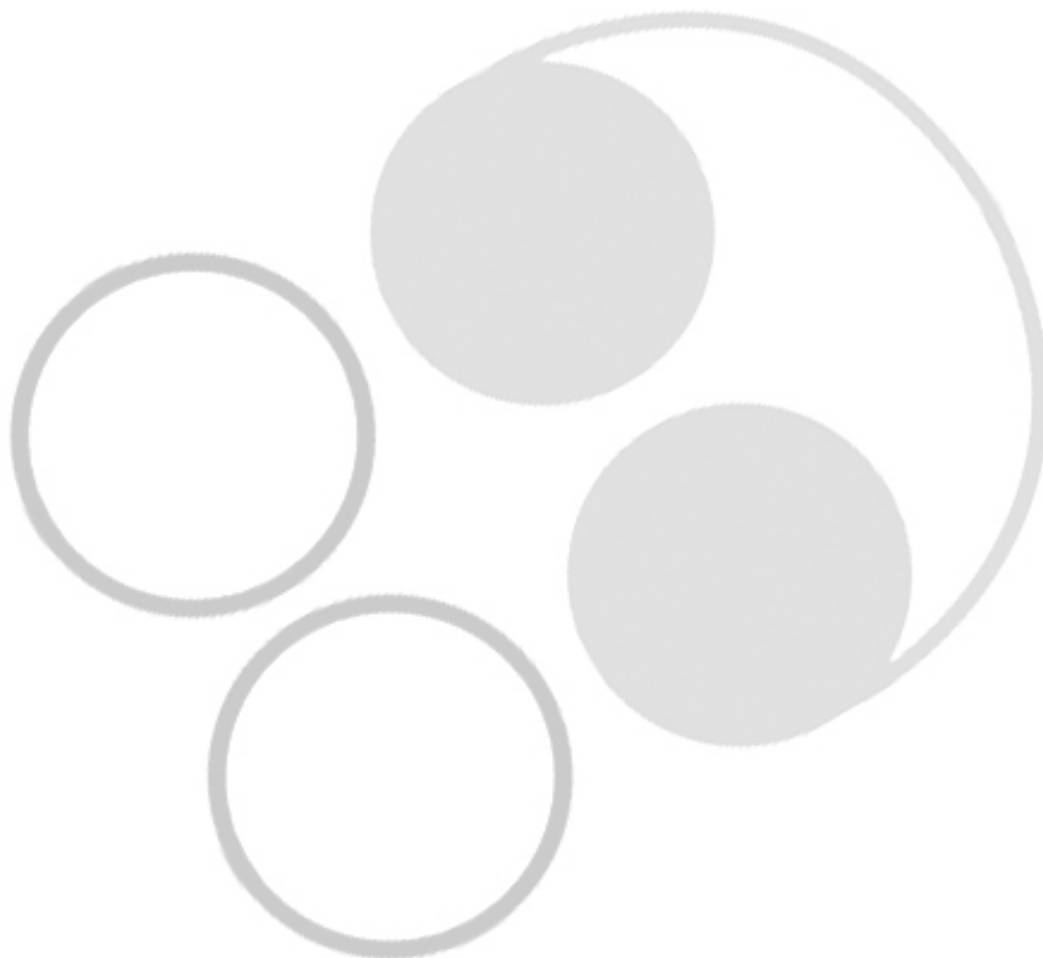
### **Night flight**

Ripples, Polly and Jason get lost in the woods as night is about to fall in trying to fetch a kite they lost. A worried Icarus, not seeing them coming back to the fishing boat, starts looking for them helped by Lulù and her firefly friends.



### **The great Jack**

Joe the albatross gives a crab the news of the imminent arrival of one Jack, causing a round of Chinese whispers and a ray of mystery around this figure. By the time Ripples, Polly and Jason (intent in asking Icarus's advice on a system to produce bubbles that won't explode) hear the news, the Chinese whispers have turned Jack into a terrible sea dragon.



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