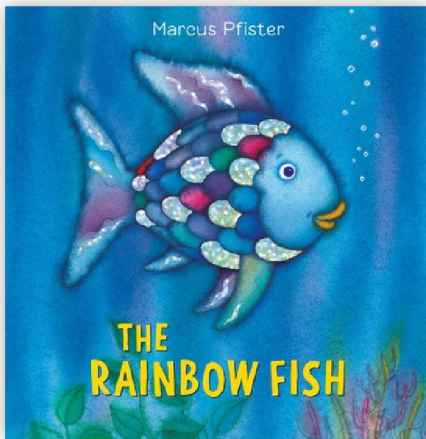




The Rainbow Fish

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Themes: Friendship, Generosity, Sharing

Book Brief: A beautiful fish learns that sharing his shiny scales brings happiness and friendship. Known for its bright colors and beauty, the rainbow fish stands out in the sea. But he is lonely until he learns how to share. Then he finds friendship and happiness.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask your child about a time they shared a toy. How did it feel?
- Look at the cover together. Ask your child, “What makes the fish look special?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why do you think Rainbow Fish didn’t want to share a scale?
- How do you think Rainbow Fish felt when the other fish swam away?
- How do the other fish treat Rainbow Fish after he gave his scale away?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- How did sharing change the way Rainbow Fish felt?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Help your child make a paper fish and add shiny scales with foil or stickers. Then have them share like the Rainbow Fish, giving one scale to each family member.
- Let them explore more about sharing:
 - Swimmy (1963)
 - The Giving Tree (1964)
 - Llama Llama Time to Share (2012)