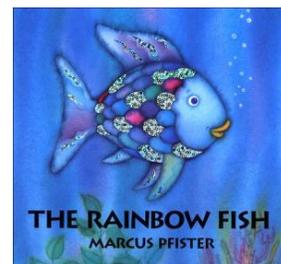




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presents:

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister



The Rainbow Fish provides an opportunity to talk about emotions and friendship with your child while exploring a beautiful undersea world.

As you read this book, allow your child to talk about the pictures. Ask questions to keep your child involved in the story. Start by having your child describe the cover of the book and what they think the story is about. Before reading the text on each page, ask your child what is going on in the pictures. Once you read the text, ask your child how Rainbow Fish and the other fish feel. Are they happy, sad, angry, upset, excited? You can go further by asking your child about how to be a good friend. Remember to give your child time to come up with an answer.

Remind your child of the story during bath time. You can talk about how fish live under water. If your child is old enough to sit up than reenact the story using shampoo bottles and washcloths or toys.

More Books about Friendship and Sharing

The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle

A Color of his Own by Leo Lionni

Froggy's First Kiss by Jonathan London

Tumble Bumble by Felicia Bond

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow

Calliou It's Mine by Joceline Sanhagrin

It's Mine! by Leo Lionni

Pete the Cat: Pete's Big Lunch by James Dean

Do you Share? by Joanne Mattern

Science & Match Exploration

If you have pet fish at home, take this opportunity to explore their world. If you don't have fish, go to your local pet store or stream. Hold a magnifying glass up to the tank to get a closer look. Count how many different kinds of fish or plants you see. Take this time to explain to your child how fish breathe under water. Try to answer any questions your child may come up with.

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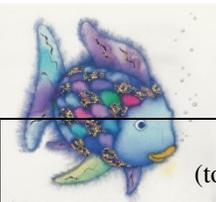
Trace your child's hand onto a piece of paper. Then, using bingo dabbers or paint and sponges have your child make a rainbow fish. You can cut out the handprint and glue it to a blue sheet of construction paper.



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More Fishy Songs and Poems



I'm a Little Fish

(to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little fish, I like to swim

(put hands in prayer position facing away from you...they're the fish. Wiggle them back and forth like a fish swimming through the water.)

You can't catch me, 'cause I have fins

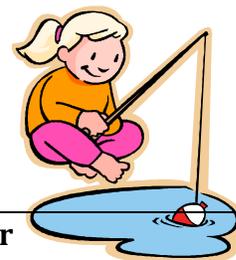
(shake finger back and forth "no no no")

When I swim past my friends, I hear them say

(put hand to ear like you're listening)

Stop your swimming and come and play!

(make a STOP gesture with hand and then jump up in the air)



Working Together

Three little sailors set out to sea.

They worked together happily.

Everyone cleaned, everyone rowed,

Everyone fished, everyone sewed.

When they got home

They stood side-by-side.

Their boat full of fish,

Their hearts full of pride!

Slippery Fish

(by Charlotte Diamond)

Slippery fish, slippery fish, sliding through the water,

Slippery Fish, slippery fish, Gulp, Gulp, Gulp!

Oh, no! It's been eaten by an ...

Octopus, octopus, squiggling in the water

Octopus, octopus, Gulp, Gulp, Gulp!

Oh, no! It's been eaten by a ...

Tuna fish, tuna fish, flashing in the water,

Tuna fish, tuna fish, Gulp, Gulp, Gulp!

Oh, no! It's been eaten by a ...

Great white shark, great white shark, lurking in the water,

Great white shark, great white shark, Gulp, Gulp, Gulp!

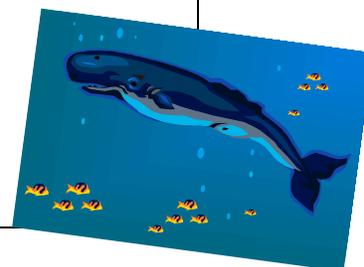
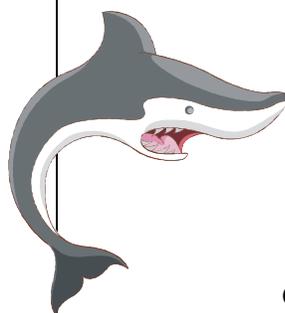
Oh, no! It's been eaten by a ...

Humongous Whale, humongous whale, spouting in the water,

Humongous whale, humongous whale,

Gulp! ... Gulp! ... Gulp! ... BURP!

Pardon Me!



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