

The Rainbow Fish

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Holographic foil stamping will catch and hold the children's attention, while teaching a valuable lesson in sharing.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *If you were a fish, what kind would you be?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder where rainbow fish is going?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *The Rainbow Fish*

- scales: bony plate on a fish
- starfish: star-shaped ocean animal
- octopus: sea animal with eight arms
- wise: knowing much from experience

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Why didn't rainbow fish play with any other fish?
- What did the little blue fish want from rainbow fish?
- Who did rainbow fish ask to help him?
- What did octopus tell him to do?
- How did rainbow fish feel when he started to give his shiny scales away?
- What happened when rainbow fish gave his scales away?

Do

Fish Aquarium Art

You will need: construction paper, watercolor paints, glue and glitter. Have the children draw and color an aquarium scene on the construction paper. After they are finished drawing their picture, they will paint over the picture with blue watercolor paint. Allow the painting to dry (this will create an underwater effect).

Optional: If desired, after the picture has dried, add glitter. Stick or liquid glue can be used to apply the glitter.

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