



The Rainbow Fish tells the story of the most beautiful fish in the sea, whose scales shimmer in all the colors of the rainbow. He is admired by the entire underwater world, and the other fish dream of owning one of his magnificent shiny scales. Resentment and isolation ensue when he is unwilling to give any of them away, and he becomes the loneliest fish in the ocean. Following the advice of a clever octopus, he gives each fish one of his scales. The more he shares, the happier he becomes. The idea of depicting the exceptional beauty of the Rainbow Fish with shimmering silver foil came from the author himself. The result was the first picture book of its kind to appear on the market. To date, more than 30 million copies of the various Rainbow Fish volumes have been sold worldwide in more than 50 languages. Now celebrating its twenty-fifth year of publications, The Rainbow Fish is undoubtedly one of the classic titles of children's literature.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is the Rainbow Fish so proud of his scales? What is something you are proud of about yourself?
2. The Rainbow Fish did not want to share his scales with the little fish at first. Why not?
3. How did the other fish feel when the Rainbow Fish wouldn't share his scales?
4. Why did the Rainbow fish feel lonely after he didn't share with the blue fish/ Can you remember a time you helped someone to not feel lonely?
5. The Rainbow Fish asks the starfish and the octopus for help to understand what to do next. When was a time you asked someone for help? Did you feel better afterwards?
6. Why was the Rainbow Fish happy at the end of the story? How does sharing lead to friendship?
7. What do you share with your Friends?



THEATER ETIQUETTE

Audience members play a special and important role in the performance. The performers are very aware of the audience while they perform, and each performance calls for different audience responses. Lively bands, musicians and dancers may desire audience members to clap and move to the beat. Other performers require silent focus on the stage and will want an audience to applaud only when they have completed a portion of their performance. As you enjoy the show, think about being a part of the performance.

- What are the differences between attending a live performance and going to a movie or watching television?
- What are some different types of live performances? Name a few as a class.
- What kind of responses might an audience give in each circumstance?
- What are the different cues that a performer will give you so that you know how to respond? For example, might they bow or pause for applause?

Also, remember that a theater is designed to magnify sound and even the smallest whispers or paper rustling can be heard throughout the auditorium. You are part of a community of audience members and you all work together to create your theater experience.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever traveled to a new place? Did you need to find courage like Rainbow Fish to go somewhere different?
2. What kinds of fish did Rainbow Fish meet in the deep sea?

