

The RAINBOW FISH

LITERACY CRAFT



A craft that helps students:

- ♥ Identify character traits using evidence from the story
- ♥ Retell important story events in sequential order
- ♥ Understand the theme of friendship and caring
- ♥ Explain how the main character changes from the beginning to the end



PERFECT FOR
FIRST GRADE!



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Craft Templates
- Writing Pieces
- Teacher Directions
- Color Example
- Black-and-White Version

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CRAFT DIRECTIONS

This craft helps students identify character traits, retell important events, understand the theme of friendship and caring, and explain how the main character changes from the beginning to the end of the story.



OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Identify character traits using evidence from the story.
- ✓ Retell important story events in sequential order.
- ✓ Understand the theme of friendship and caring.
- ✓ Explain how the main character changes from the beginning to the end.

MATERIALS

- Craft templates (fish, scales, writing fin, and writing piece)
- Construction paper (blue, or choice)
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Brad fasteners (optional for scales)

DIRECTIONS

- 1 Students color the fish and all pieces.
- 2 Write character traits and evidence on the "Beginning Trait" and "Ending Trait" scales.
- 3 Write important story events on the "Beginning - First," "Middle - Next," and "End - Last" scales.
- 4 Write something you can do to show friendship and caring on the "Theme" fin.
- 5 Complete the "Rainbow Fish Changed!" writing piece to explain how Rainbow Fish changed from the beginning to the end.
- 6 Attach the scales to the fish. (Use brad fasteners to make them liftable, or glue them down.)
- 7 Attach the writing fin and the "Rainbow Fish Changed!" piece to the bottom of the fish.

ASSEMBLY TIPS

- Use brad fasteners so students can lift the scales to read.
- Layer the writing piece on blue construction paper or wave paper.
- Display in a hallway or on a bulletin board for a fun ocean theme!

DIFFERENTIATION

Support: Provide sentence stems and word banks.

Challenge: Encourage students to use more details and draw pictures to match their writing.



TEACHER TIP

Discuss how Rainbow Fish changed and why it's important to share, be kind, and care about others. Encourage students to think about how they can show friendship in their own lives!





THEME
Friendship & Caring
I can be a good friend
by sharing, being
kind, and caring
about others.

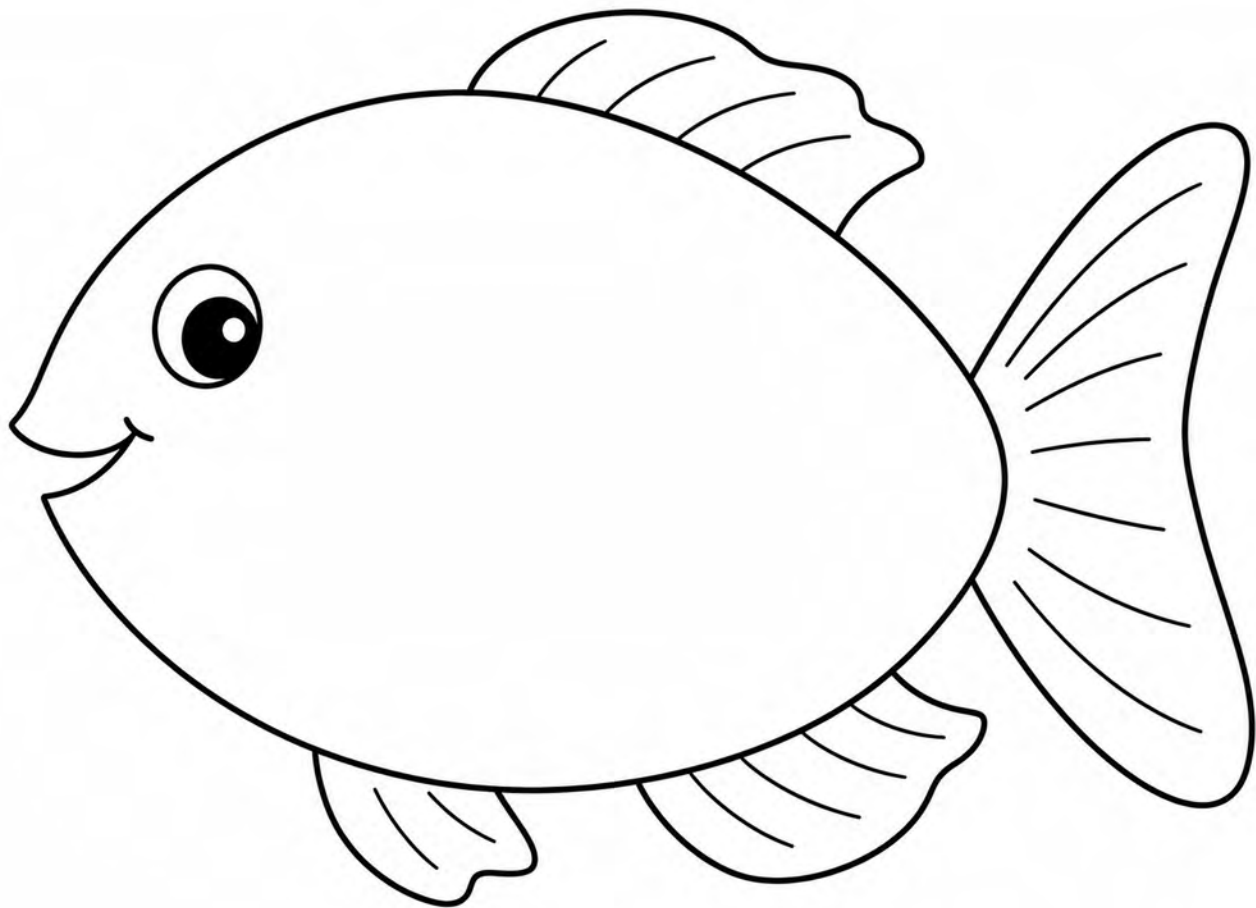


~~~~~ Rainbow Fish Changed! ~~~~~  
At the beginning, Rainbow Fish was proud and only  
cared about himself.

At the end, Rainbow Fish was Caring, Kind, and  
happy.

He changed because he learned that sharing  
and being kind helps you make  
friends and makes you happy.







**BEGINNING TRAIT**

Trait: \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**ENDING TRAIT**

Trait: \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**THEME****Friendship & Caring**I can be a good friend  
by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**BEGINNING**First... \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**MIDDLE**Next... \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**END**Last... \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Rainbow Fish Changed!** At the beginning, Rainbow Fish was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_At the end, Rainbow Fish was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_He changed because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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