



'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister, is about a vain fish who loves its beautiful rainbow scales more than anything....until it is the loneliest fish in the sea, even if it WAS the most beautiful. A story about how friendship and giving is more important than outer beauty.

### Biblical Reference:

#### Hebrews 13:16


*'Share with others. God is pleased with those kinds of offerings.'*

### Next month's book is:

'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson

### Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

 <https://youtu.be/2jQTjTe42-0>

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## Theme: Sharing & Generosity

### Theme exploration:

God's greatest gift to us was Jesus. Jesus then gave us His whole self by his sacrifice on the cross. Through this we can have a lifetime of loving relationship with Him and eternal life. That's better than a shiny scale!! This is what we celebrate on Easter day.

Another Bible story on sharing can be found in Mark (12:41-44). Jesus is watching people come to give their offerings at the temple. He probably sees many rich people come by and put lots of money in the offering box, but it is one poor widow who catches his eye. Jesus remarks to his disciples that her offering is worth more than the bigger offerings that the rich people brought, because she has given so much out of her so little. You can watch this story on YouTube:

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vW-uWMZB23o>

But being generous isn't just about money.

### Things for you to try this month:

- Visit a church Easter activity or service.
- Think about what you really wouldn't want to share.
- Paint or colour in, a rainbow fish – there are lots of templates online.
- Consider ways you can be generous, not only financially but with your time or from your God given gifts and talents.
- Role play the story with different coloured play dough fish. There are lots of recipes for homemade play dough on line.



### We believe in the power of prayer

#### A prayer for you to pray for your child:

*Loving God, we thank You for our family. Help our children have the gift of sharing and generosity and may they always be blessed with good friends. Amen.*

#### A prayer we pray for you as parents:

*Lord Bless these parents as they nurture the children in their care. Help them to encourage generosity and help them show their children how to be a good friend. Amen.*