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Activity Sheet



Fish is Fish

By Leo Lionni

Tadpole and Minnow are friends. Tadpole grows legs and leaves the pond. He explores the land, then returns and tells Fish about land animals. Fish sees birds with fish bodies and feathers. Fish is lonely without his friend and tries to follow Tadpole. Fish discovers that sometimes what is best for you is right before your eyes.

Before you read: Tell the children that Leo Lionni is the author and illustrator of the book. Explain that the author writes the words and the illustrator draws the pictures.

Read the title to the children. Examine the cover pointing out the thought bubble above Fish. Talk with the children about what Fish is thinking. Discuss what Fish might think other land animals look like

While you read: Ask the children how Tadpole is different from Fish. A Tadpole grows four legs and his tail goes away. He needs to move to the land to live. After discussing differences, point out similarities between Fish and Frog. They both have eyes, mouths and both have to eat to live. Even though Fish and Frog are different they have many similarities. During the story, ask the children why they think Fish sees the land animals with fish bodies.

After you read: Give the children large cutout fish patterns. Using feathers, colored paper, yarn, sequins, scraps of cloth and other craft materials create a land animal as fish might imagine it to look

More books by Leo Lionni:

A Color of His Own

Swimmy

Frederick

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