

FAIRNESS

Overview:

Ages: 6-9 years

Students hear a fable about treating others fairly without regard to physical characteristics. They discuss the importance of being fair by answering questions related to the story.

Materials:

[Fish Fable handout](#)



Procedure:

1. Tell the children you're going to read a short story to them and then will ask questions about it.
2. Tell them about the importance of treating classmates fairly no matter what each one looks like.
3. Say: Think about this as you listen to the story.
4. Read "A Fish Tale Fable" aloud, then ask the following discussion questions:
 - a. What lessons can people learn from these fish.
 - b. Have you ever met someone who seemed odd at first but turned out to be really nice?
 - c. Why do we place so much importance on appearance?
 - d. If we give others a chance, don't we usually find out that we don't need to be afraid of their differences?
 - e. Why was the salmon good at making the two groups treat each other fairly?
 - f. Is it fair to treat others differently because their skin is different color?
 - i. Why not?
 - g. Is it fair to treat others differently because their eyes are different color?
 - i. Why not?
 - h. Is it fair to treat others differently because their hair is different?
 - i. Why not?