

FISH EYES

In a rhyming text, a child imagines what she would see if she were a fish. On a deep blue background, electrically colored fish from one to ten in number - with die cut eyes - swim through the book. One dark green fish continually reappears, commenting on each scene and encouraging children to add him to the fish on the page and therefore predict the next number.

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Pages: 34 pages

Ages: 2-6

Themes: Counting

Thyming

Make-believe

“I’d close my eyes and then I’d wish that I’d turn into a beautiful fish.” This book makes you feel as though your imagination takes you into another colorful world. On each page where there is a big number, point it out and have your child repeat the number with you and then count the fish on the two pages facing each other. While you’re looking at the fish, see how many colors they can identify. Ask your child what colors they would like to be if they were a fish.

After you’ve finished the book and you’re ready for lunch or a snack, carry on the fish theme by either cutting the bologna or cheese that fit into the sandwich into a fish shape. You can also cut the bread into a fish shape and let a little of the peanut butter and jelly stick out around the edges to give your fish a little color. Draw the eyes and mouth on with jelly or whatever fixings would go with your sandwich.