

Family Worship at Home. September 19th 2021

Mark 9:30-37. Who is the greatest?

Message: Watch the clip of today's Bible verse.

[Kindergarten Year A Quarter 2 Episode 1 "The "You First" Way" - YouTube](#) or

[\[HiBible\]E.232 "The sad discussion of the disciples" \(Mark 9:30-35\) - YouTube](#)

or read Mark 9:30-37 from a Bible

Object Book: "The Rainbow Fish" (If you don't have a copy of this book here is a link - [The Rainbow Fish \(HQ\) - YouTube](#) .)

Have any of you ever read "The Rainbow Fish?" This book is about the most beautiful fish in the ocean. His scales were every shade of blue, green, and purple with sparkling silver scales mixed in. He was very beautiful, but he was also very selfish and self-centered. He was so beautiful that he thought he was too good to play with the other fish in the ocean.

One day a little blue fish asked Rainbow Fish for one of his beautiful, shimmering scales -- but he refused. Because of his selfishness, he was very unpopular with the other fish. He was not only the most beautiful fish in the ocean, he was also the loneliest fish in the ocean.

He told Starfish about his problem and Starfish sent him to talk to a wise old octopus. The octopus told Rainbow Fish that if he wanted to be happy, he should give one of his beautiful scales to each of the other fish. Rainbow Fish just could not imagine giving away his beautiful scales.

Once again, the little blue fish asked for one of Rainbow Fish's scales. He hesitated for a moment, but finally pulled off one of his scales and gave it to the little blue fish. When the other fish saw the little blue fish with a shiny scale, Rainbow Fish was surrounded by fish asking for one of his shiny scales. Before he knew it, he had given away all of his shiny scales except for one. Suddenly he realized that although he was no longer the most beautiful fish in the ocean, he was happier than ever before.

This story reminds me of something that Jesus said to his disciples. One day He heard his disciples arguing about which of them would be the greatest in God's kingdom. Jesus said to them, "If you want to be first, you must be last and you must be the servant of all." He then put his arms around a little child and told his disciples, "If you welcome one of these, you welcome me; and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one that sent me."

Sometimes we think the most important thing is to be the first, to be the most beautiful, to be the smartest, or to be the GREATEST! That isn't what Jesus said. He said that the most important thing was to think of others first and ourselves last. If we want to be great in God's sight, we should seek to be a servant rather than seeking to be served.

Dear Jesus, help us to remember that to be the greatest, we must be willing to be the least. Help us to put others before ourselves. Amen.

Song: To help remember the verse: [Mark 9:35 - YouTube](#)

[Jesus is my Best Friend Kids Praise & Worship Bible Song 360p - YouTube](#)

[Love One Another - YouTube](#)

[Sing Hosanna - Jesus Loves The Little Children | Bible Songs for Kids - YouTube](#)

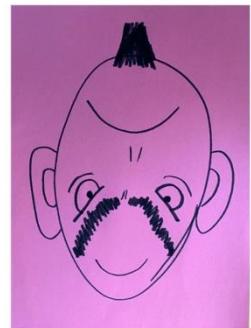
Activity: "Topsy Turvy Cartoon"

- Pens and pencils
- Markers/crayons
- Cardstock/paper

Procedure: *Note: these are instructions for the image pictured here. There are a variety of other "two-sided" drawings to choose!

Give instructions on what to draw.

1. Select a piece of paper and a pencil or marker.
2. draw a large oval, now add ear shaped half-ovals on either side.
3. Add bushy eyebrows and an upside down "u" near the top of the oval.
4. Add eyes with rings underneath. Make two vertical lines for the nose, and a wide "U" for the mouth. Draw a patch of hair near the bottom.
5. Admire your angry man illustration. Then, flip it upside down and adjust your eyes to see a happier man! Sometimes our expectations get turned around and upside down!



Try these other [Topsy Turvy Upside Down Drawings - YouTube](#)

If possible print the image below and show the children how these images change when you turn them upside down.

Think of ways that you as a family can serve others – put others first.

