



# FAMILY & EDUCATOR'S GUIDE

The City of Tampa's Creative Arts Theatre's mission is to encourage literacy throughout Hillsborough County through the magic of live performance.

## TALK ABOUT IT

*The Magic Fish*, a new play by Creative Arts Theatre, may bring up questions for your children or students. Ask them what they learned, and if they have any questions they would like to ask about the play.

### Questions to start a discussion:

- ★ Who are the people in the story? How are they like you? How are they different from you?
- ★ What is Charlie's life like at the beginning of the story?
- ★ What would you wish for if you caught a magic fish?
- ★ What does it mean to be responsible? How is Charlie responsible for Sam?
- ★ Why does Charlie want to catch the fish the third time? Why is it different than the other times?
- ★ Why do you think Sam wants Charlie to play with her so badly?
- ★ How does Charlie's life change by the end of the play?
- ★ What was your favorite part of the play?
- ★ Who was your favorite character?

Use this Family and Educator's Guide to enrich your group's experience of the play!



# FUN ACTIVITIES

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## ACT IT OUT

Here is your chance to be a star!



- ★ **Remember and Reenact:** Did you have a favorite scene in the play? Work together as a family or class to act it out! How did you act it the same as the actors in the play? How was it different?
- ★ **Add a Scene:** What do you think would happen if Charlie had to stay King? What would have happened if Sam had caught the fish first? What other super power could Charlie have chosen? Use your imagination to come up a new part of the story, and work together to act it out!

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## MAD-LIBS AND CREATIVITY

Critical thinking and imaginative play! Fill out this fun MadLib!

- \_\_\_ 1. Fish breathe oxygen like humans
- \_\_\_ 2. Most fish have taste buds all over their body
- \_\_\_ 3. The fastest fish swims 25 mph
- \_\_\_ 4. There are around 30,000 known species of fish.
- \_\_\_ 5. Baby fish are called pups

### Answers

1. True! A fish's gills filter oxygen out of water!
2. True! Taste buds are inside the fish's mouth, on its tongue and on the outside of the body including its fins!
3. False! The sailfish is the fastest fish in the world – able to swim at a speed of 68mph!
4. True! There are 33,600 described species, fish exhibit greater species diversity than any other group of vertebrates!
5. True!

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## ART

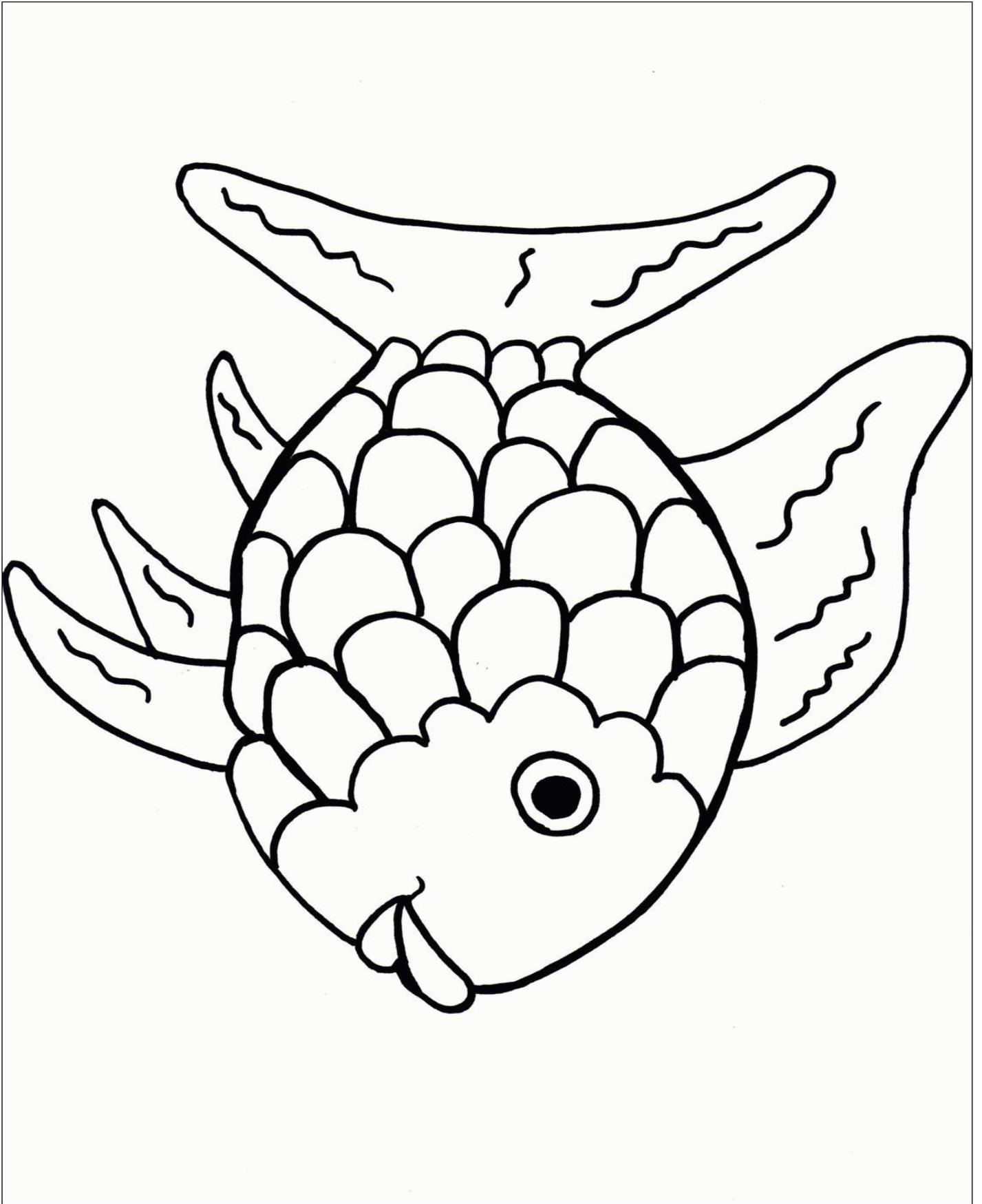
Anyone can make art! Make a picture of it, using crayons, pencils, markers, or paint!



- ★ **Draw Your Favorite Part of the Play:** Was there a part in the play you liked the best? How about a favorite character?
- ★ **Draw Your Wish:** If you caught the magic fish draw what your first wish would be!
- ★ **Draw a New Fish:** Draw what you think the Magic Fish looks like!

# FUN ACTIVITIES

COLORING FUN FOR EVERYONE



# IN YOUR COMMUNITY

There are a lot of activities to do around Tampa Bay together as a family or class!

- ★ **New Friends, New Places:** The City of Tampa's parks are a great way to spend a day with new friends. The City of Tampa manages over 3,540 acres of parkland, 185 parks, 71 playgrounds, 26 recreation centers, nine dog parks, three skate parks, Marjorie Park Marina, and over 300 miles of trails. If you live outside of Tampa, check out a park near you!
- ★ **Visit Your Local Library:** Find out about FREE activities and events by visiting the Hillsborough County Public Library website <http://www.hcplc.org/> with an adult! Libraries are great places to explore new ideas and learn about new stories from all over the world!

**Come See Another Creative Arts Theatre Play!**

Check our website for upcoming schedules!

<https://www.tampagov.net/theatre>



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