

# *Ish the Fish at the Swimming Pool*

## *~ a fable ~*

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**I**sh the Fish went to a swimming pool. Hundreds of children were shouting and screaming and having a good time. One child looked sad. His mother had died, and his father. His brothers and sisters were taken away and he was with a family who ignored him.

Ish the Fish swam past the boy and the boy's eyes opened in wonder.

"A fish in the swimming pool," he cried, but no one listened.

Ish the Fish kept swimming.

The boy looked into the water and saw golden coins lying on the bottom of the pool. He dived in and picked them up. As he touched them he found he could breathe under water and not drown. Clutching the coins he climbed out. He was rich! He ran to his step-family and called them to see. He opened his hands, but they only saw scales where he saw gold.

They never believed his story of seeing a fish in the swimming pool, but no matter how hard they tried they couldn't take the gold away from him.