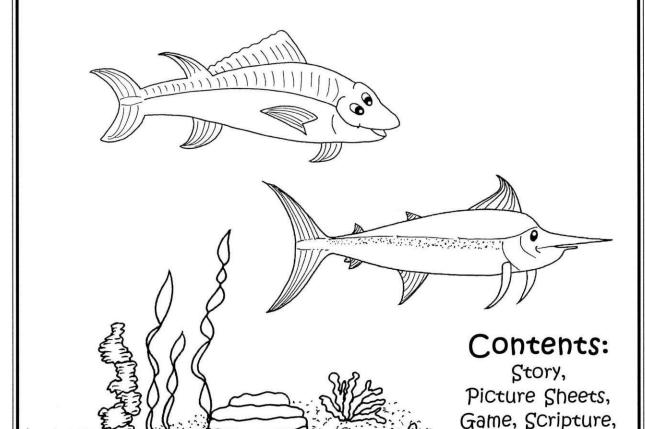


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Treat Recipe

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Judge Not Family Home Evening Packet

Home Evening Outline

Opening Prayer
Opening Song
Scripture
Story
Game
Closing Song
Closing Prayer
Refreshments

Suggested Songs: "I'm Trying To Be Like Jesus", pg. 78 (Childrens) "Kindness Begins With Me", pg. 145 (Childrens) "Nay, Speak No III", pg. 233 (Hymn)

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-2

Stary: Color graphics with markers, colored pencils, chalks, etc. Use flannel, or laminate and cut out and place magnets on back of graphics. etc.

"King The Marlin" Game: Preparation - Color, laminate and cut out each of the Marlins. Adhere each of the four Marlins to a twenty ounce pop bottle filled with sand, water, dry beans (anything to weigh the pop bottle down). Adhere each of the coral rings to a piece of thick cardboard. Cut each ring out both inside and out. Place the Marlins a good distance away, closer for small children, further away for older children. Place the Marlin worth five points the closest and the Marlin worth twenty points the farthest away. Object - To try and toss a ring over the Marlins snout (the top of the pop bottle). Play - Have each family member take turns tossing all four coral rings at the Marlins. Keep a running score for each family member. Each family member should get four turns. At the end of the game, tabulate the scores and determine the winner.

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Toby Treats



Ingredients:

- 1/2 cups butter
- •2/3 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp. water
- •1 (8oz.) bag of corn puffs
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Directions:

In a saucepan, bring to a boil butter, sugar and water, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add vanilla. In a large bowl, pour butter mixture over corn puffs and stir until puffs are evenly coated. Spread puffs on a cookie sheet and bake in a 225 degree oven for ten minutes. Allow to cool.

YOU CAN'T EAT JUST ONE!!!!!!!!!!!!

(Corn puffs are typically found in the potato chip aisle of your grocery store. Do not use the Corn Pops cereal.)



Judge Not!



Toby the Tuna was not very happy today. Today was the day that his family was moving to a new part of the ocean. Toby was sure he would not like his new home and he was in no hurry to leave.

The Tuna family had lived in a snug little hole near the sandy floor of the ocean for a very long time. Toby had great friends and he loved the school of fish that the Tuna family belonged to, but Father insisted that the family should see the world of the ocean. So, they were moving.

Off the little family swam, staying near the deep end of the ocean so that they wouldn't end up as some hungry fish's dinner. Father, Mother and forty-two children swam carefully to their new home.

It seemed days to Toby before Father said they were there. It didn't really look much different in their new home, but there were no familiar friends to play with among the coral. There were just strangers and strange looking fish that Toby had never seen before. He was afraid. He was homesick and he was tired. "I want to go home," Toby thought.

All of Toby's brothers and sisters felt the same way. They huddled together as Father and Mother showed them around the neighborhood. Suddenly, a whale family came swimming by, causing a huge wave to toss the little band of tuna up and down in the water. Toby was even a little seasick.

"How rude," thought Toby. "Who do they think they are?" It was then he noticed that the Whale family didn't look like the Tuna family. There was a mother, father and one child. They were huge and strong and they were white and black. They weren't dark blue like Toby was. He took an immediate disliking to the Whale family.

Then there was the Marlin family. They were a dark blue color, just like Toby, but my goodness, they were scary. They had long snouts that stuck out in front of them for miles, it seemed. They looked different and they looked mean, and Toby wanted nothing to do with them!

As the day progressed, Toby became more and more discouraged. It got even worse after he met the Eel family. They had a son just Toby's age. His name was Elmo, but Elmo couldn't hurry through the water as quickly as Toby so it was hard playing tag with the little eel.

Toby tried playing games with the dolphin twins, Dotty and Dirk, but he gave up quickly on that one too. The dolphins were clumsy and big and one of them was missing part of his tail so he swam funny. Toby had a big problem. But the problem was inside Toby.

He had been so busy seeing the negative things about all the new fish that he had started feeling a little superior to everyone else. That's a bad thing!

He had spent way too much time judging all of the fish he had met and not taking time to find out who they really were or what they were really like. People do the same thing sometimes.

Several days passed and Toby had no one to play with. All of his brothers and sisters had found friends and were off exploring in the ocean. Toby just stayed close to home and spent the day feeling sorry for himself.

Suddenly, Watson, the little whale, swam by . . . Toby tried to ignore him, because he didn't want to play with a white and black whale!

"Hey," Watson gurgled, "Wanna play?"

"No thanks," was Toby's reply. Then he turned his back and tried to act busy.

Watson paused in the water for a moment. "You're homesick, aren't you? I would really like to help you find some new friends here. Why don't you come with me for a little while. I know some great places to see and some neat fish to meet." Watson placed his fin on Toby's back, patting him gently.

"What could it hurt," Toby thought and off the two swam together. It was no time at all until they were chatting about wonderful things. Toby began to find out things about Watson that were really interesting. Toby actually liked Watson. Suddenly, Watson's color didn't matter at all. It was so great to finally find a friend. How could Toby have been so wrong about Watson?

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One of Watson's best friends was Melvin Marlin. When Toby and Watson visited Melvin Marlin, Toby backed off. "I don't want to play with a marlin," he told Watson. "They are scary and have a long snout and I don't like them."

Watson stared in disbelief. "Have you ever played with a marlin before?" He asked.

Toby fidgeted in the water, and answered "no."

"Well, then, how do you know if you like marlins or not?" Watson yelled back.

Toby just shrugged his shoulders up and down in the water, keeping his eyes looking toward the ocean floor. He didn't want to play with a marlin but it looked like he wasn't going to have a choice in the matter.

Watson introduced Toby to Melvin and soon the three were playing a game of ring toss together. Melvin would stay stationary in the water while Toby and Watson raced to see who could slide the most rings onto Melvin's snout. It was so fun and Melvin was such a good sport to let the others use him for a ring toss.

The three little fish laughed and played and had so much fun. Soon, they were joined by Elmo the eel and the dolphin twins, Dotty and Dirk.

Again, Toby forgot the lessons he had learned that day about judging others and immediately didn't want anything to do with them. He had no time to play with someone as slow as Elmo and he certainly didn't want to play with a handicapped Dolphin who couldn't swim well. Wasn't Toby being narrow minded?

When Dirk Dolphin realized that Toby didn't want to play with him, he headed for home. He didn't want to spoil the rest of the friend's fun. He turned dejectedly and tried to swim as quickly as he could to get away from the rest of them.

Watson bumped Toby hard with his snout. "You know, you have a lot to learn, Toby," Watson snarled. "You have a bad attitude."

"Bad attitude," Toby thought. No one had ever said that to him!

Watson continued. "You can never tell what another fish is like until you get to know them. It doesn't matter if they are white, black, yellow or green. It doesn't matter if they have a snout or they swim slower than you. It doesn't matter if they have a handicap. You can never tell what someone is like just by looking at them. We're not supposed to judge others!"

Watson pulled Elmo, Dotty and Melvin close to him and they all began to swim away.

Toby thought long and hard for a minute. How could he have been so stupid? Watson was right. You can never tell a book by its cover. He realized that he had no right to judge someone else.

"Wait!" Toby screamed. "Please, wait for me." When he reached the others, he apologized for his behavior and promised that he would be a much better friend in the future.

Off the friends swam to find Dirk. Toby would be kinder to Dirk and he would work hard from then on not to judge others.

All people are not necessarily good people in this world that we live in, but most of them are kind and loving. We can't possibly tell what type of people they are until we get to know them.

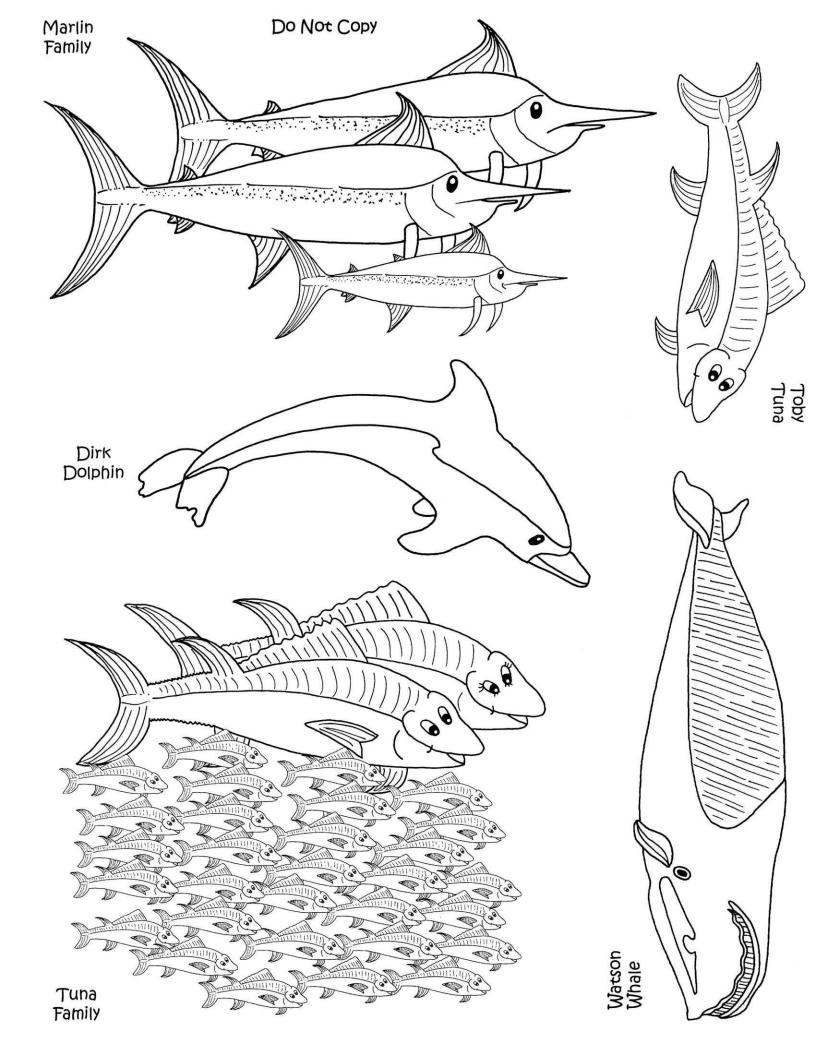
We certainly don't have to put up with bad behavior, or people who treat us unkindly, but we can be sure that we don't judge others by what they look like or the color of their skin.

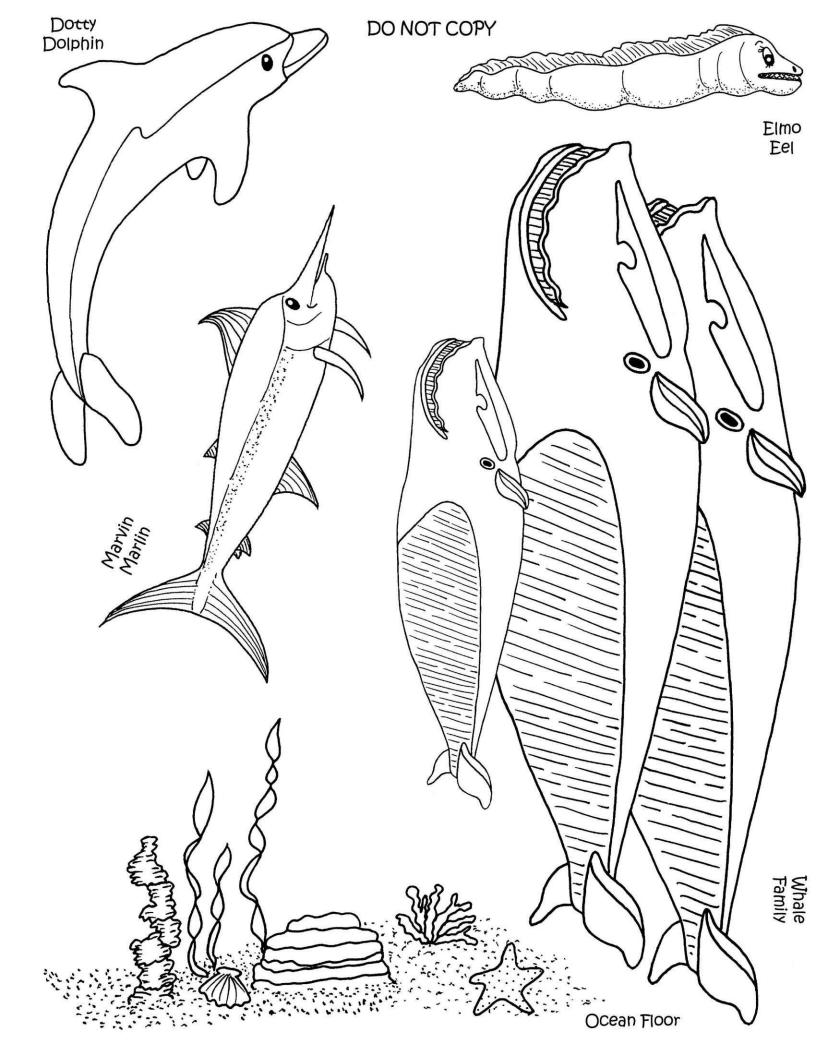
We can be kind and considerate of those who have handicaps or can't do things as well as we might do them.

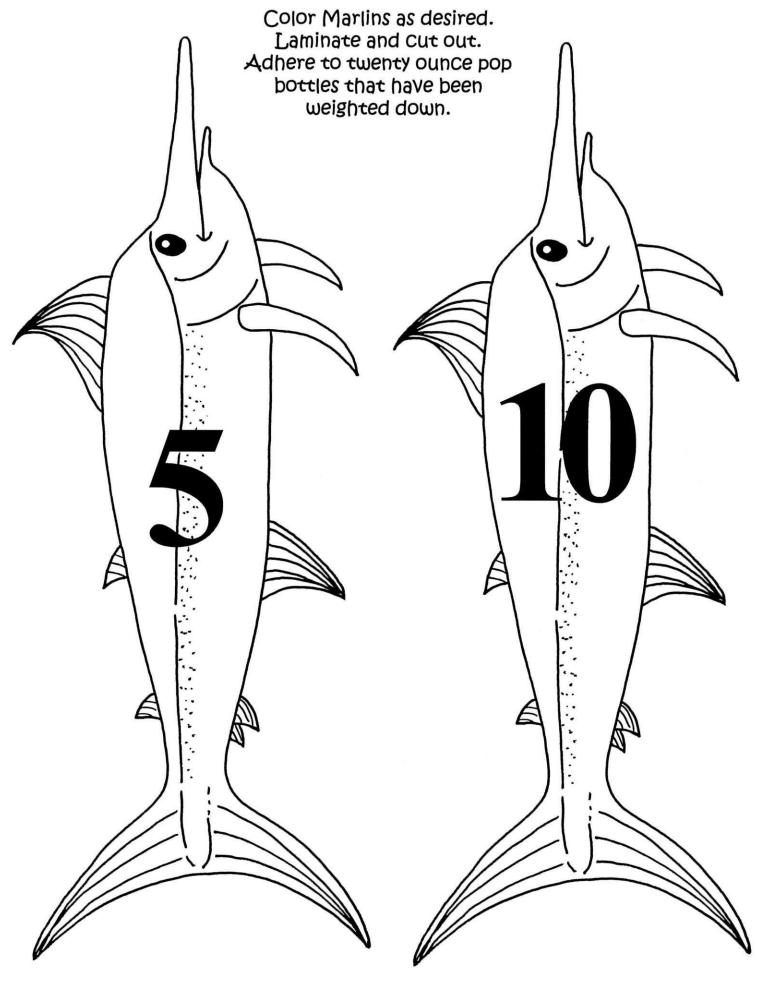
Heavenly Father loves everyone and He wants us to do the same. The only way we can come to love someone is to get to know them first. The Lord has said, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." Let's all try and live this commandment better so we can make this world a better place.

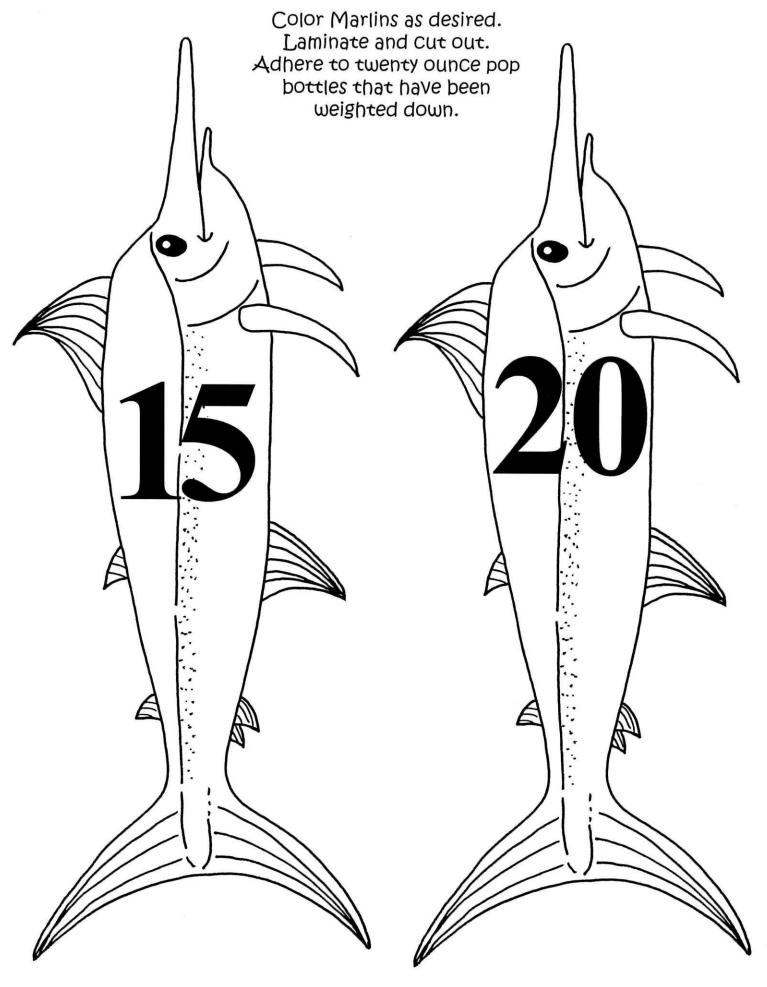
DISCUSSION

- •Why is it important for us to love everyone and not judge others?
- •How do you think it makes our Heavenly Father feel when we are mean to others?
- •How can we show kindness to those that are different from us?











not judged. For with what shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, judgment ye judge, ye Judge not, that ye be it shall be measured to you again."