

# Winter the White Wolf

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Once there was a white wolf pup named Winter. Winter had two older sisters, Autumn and Summer. When Momma wolf went out to scrounge for food, Winter would hear Autumn and Summer talking, and listened to them talking.

“Summer, did you see that rainbow? It was so colorful and pretty, I’ve never seen anything like it.”

“Remember the very first rainbow we saw?”

They both took a moment to remember the beautiful sight, and sighed in delight to themselves. Breaking the silence, Winter piped up.

“Hey guys, what’s a rainbow? How come I’ve never seen one?”

Both girls rolled their eyes and explained to Winter that a rainbow was only seen when there was water or rain, and the sun was out.

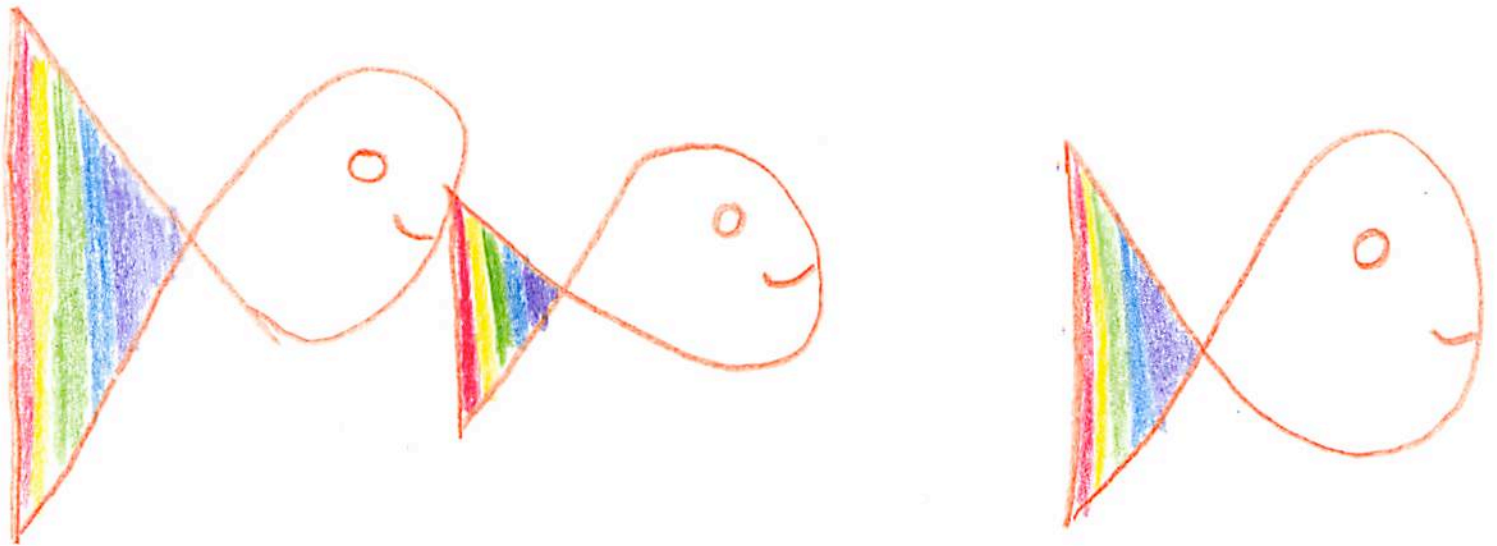
Then they described that rainbows are curved and have a pattern of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. Six different colors.



Autumn and Summer made Winter very curious. Winter set off to find a rainbow, but to do so meant going to a place with water and the sun. First Winter met an old wise Owl named Ophelia. Ophelia knew how to get Winter to the pond, and said, "I'll tell you, but first you must get me three different worms." Off Winter went to dig up three worms for Ophelia. Winter had gotten three different kinds, so Ophelia could have variety. There was a slimy brown one, a big fuzzy green one, and a lengthy red one. When winter returned to Ophelia and gave her the worms, Ophelia ate them quickly and pointed Winter off in the direction of the pond.

Winter headed down to the pond, where Flip, Flop, and Flap the rainbow trouts were.

Winter looked on anxiously from the grass. Watching in amazement as each fish came out of the water, shiny and colorful. He pounced down to the waters' edge and his eyes filled with excitement. Before he knew what he was doing, he blurted out "are you a rainbow?".



They all laughed at first, obviously this had happened to them before. Flop said to Winter, "I think you've gotten our shiny scales that change color by the sun, confused with an actual rainbow my friend. But if it's a real rainbow you seek, we can surely help you." The three fish hatched a plan to help Winter, in return for a favor.

Flip said to Winter. "We'll tell you, but first you must get us some snails" Off Winter went to find some snails for Flip, Flop, and Flap. When Winter

returned to them and gave the snails to Flip, Flop, and Flap, they pointed Winter off in the direction of the river.

Along the way, Winter spots a snake named Sylvester.



Sylvester too was on his way to see a rainbow, and off they headed to the river. The sun was strong up ahead, they still had plenty of time to get to the river.

When they arrived, they looked right, then looked left, but a rainbow they couldn't see. Sylvester looked all on the ground, Winter leapt around sniffing and looking hard. The two were just about to give up, and were feeling very sad, when all of a sudden a light mist started coming down. It was starting to rain, and they had no protection. Winter looked beat, and sylvester was puzzled. As they turned to walk away, a snap of a twig made Winter turn back. He looked up, and there he saw a magnificent, long rainbow. Sylvester saw it too, they had never before seen something so beautiful. It made them happy, and they forever would remember seeing their very own first rainbow.