The Parable of Juan and the Fishbowl Reflection

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Level 1

**1.** Describe Juan’s background.

**2.** What did Juan find?

**3.** Why was he so delighted with it?

**4.** What did he first do with his great find?

**5.** What did Juan do the first time he became bored with his find?

**6.** What did Juan do the second time be became bored with his find?

**7.** Why did Juan get frustrated?

**8.** What advice did Juan’s mother give him?

Level 2

What do you think the various people and elements symbolize in the story?

* Juan
* fishbowl
* decorations in the bowl
* fish
* Juan’s desire to become a fish
* Juan’s family’s poverty

Level 3

**1.** What does this parable tell us about why God created humanity?

**2.** Why do humans choose to turn away from goodness and God?

**3.** What does the Incarnation reveal to us about God’s hope for us?

**4.** Why doesn’t God simply avoid the kind of frustration Juan expressed and “make” people behave better, treat one another better, and be in closer relationship with God?

**5.** What aspect of Jesus’ Incarnation do you think is more difficult to grasp and believe: his humanity or his divinity? Why?