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In this talk, we consider solving semilinear elliptic equations with discontinuous diffusion coefficients by a two-grid method. The algorithm consists of a coarse grid solver for the original nonlinear problem, and a fine grid solver for a linearized problem. We analyze the quality of the approximations generated by the algorithm, which provides a guideline of choosing coarse-grid problem such that the approximation quality is asymptotically as good as solving the original nonlinear problem on the fine grid. (Received September 19, 2011)