



GULPING GUPPIES

Supplies

- Bucket or pan half full of water
- 100 pennies (Marbles work too, but pennies are cheaper!)
- Watch with a second hand (or device with stopwatch function)

Directions

1. Place the bucket of water near a corner of the room and gather participants around it.
2. Explain that a water-filled bag holding 100 guppies is about to break, sending guppies everywhere. Guppies can live 3 to 4 minutes out of water, but these are delicate guppies and need to be back underwater within 30 seconds—or they'll perish.
3. Walk to the center of the room and toss the pennies in a dramatic fashion so, when they land, they'll bounce and roll everywhere.
4. Explain that each penny represents a guppy who needs to get to safety in the bucket. The catch: before a penny can be dropped into the bucket, whoever is rescuing it must give it a name—the name of someone the rescuer knows who Jesus has died to save. The rescuer must say the name aloud while dropping a penny into the bucket.
5. When everyone understands what they are to do, say "Go!" and start your countdown.
6. Depending on how many pennies remain scattered on the floor, play a second or third round, shortening the amount of time allowed to save guppies.

After the activity, talk about this:

- How did you find out that Jesus saved you by dying for your sins? Who told you?
- What difference does it make in your life that Jesus saves you?
- Quick: What are 3 reasons it's a good thing Jesus saves you?
- How can you tell if someone needs to hear that Jesus saves them? (We all do!)
- If you had just 60 seconds to tell a friend about how Jesus died to save them, what would you say?

Gather around the bucket and pray for the people whose names were called. Thank Jesus for saving them by dying for them. Ask God to help those people claim that gift and give themselves to Jesus, if they haven't already done so.