

Puppet Show:

5 minutes

Supplies: 3 people are needed to do the puppet show.

3 Fish Puppets – Flippy, Floppy, Fred

Puppet Stage: Background Blue for ocean if possible

See you later...Alligator?

Flippy: "So did everyone have a good time this summer with our lessons?"

(Kids scream yes)

Fred: "Well that is great to hear, we had a good time too. We learned so much about Jesus - I especially liked looking at all the kinds of places we can look for him...the lake, ocean, river... that's because that is where I spend all of my time! It's easy to look there!"

Flippy: "Yeah Fred, but we learned more than to just look in the water for Jesus, we learned that to find Jesus we need to look in the Bible - because that is God's word and that shows us how to follow and obey Him - which makes Jesus really happy!"

Fred: I like it when everyone is happy.

Floppy: "Yes, and we also learned that to find Jesus we need to look even when we are facing hard times, or when we are troubled, or when we are scared - Just like Paul did when he was in the storm on the ship."

Flippy: "That's right, we even learned that Jesus is everywhere, we don't have to worry because Jesus can find us no matter where we are, because He loves us so much He is always available to listen when we pray to Him or sing praises to Him."

Fred: "I like that Jesus is always there for me. I need Him to be there because I sometimes don't know what to do, or feel alone or unsure, so it is nice to know that He will listen to me and help me."

I can look in the Bible to find the answer to my questions and problems - like how to deal with Allie the Alligator. He scares me a lot because he is so big and mean and likes to eat fish like us. Sometimes I just want to beat Allie up!"

Flippy: "Yes, me too!"

Floppy: "I'm sure you do, but as we've been learning, what we want to do and what we should do are sometimes different. We need to go to the Bible and see what it says to do with situations like that. In fact, the Bible does say something about enemies or bullies."

Fred: "Really? Wow, the Bible does have an answer to everything!"

Floppy: "Yes, in Luke 6:27-28 it says, "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Fred: "Really? Jesus says we need to be nice to our enemies and pray for them and do good to them, even Allie?"

Flippy: "But..."

Floppy: "Don't be afraid. Jesus will protect you and take care of you, especially when you are nice to people, even those that are mean to you. If you are good to them, then they will have no reason to be mean. But, if they are still mean, then you can pray for them and for yourself that by your goodness they will come to learn about Jesus and want to be more like Him! You can talk to your parents and ask for help in dealing with enemies. See how God works. His ways are perfect in the Bible, they might not be what you want to do, but His ways are the best way to handle any problem! You should always do what the Bible tells you. God created us so He knows exactly what is best for us."

Fred: "Wow, God is really awesome. I like Him!"

Flippy: "Me too, I guess I should study the Bible more so I know what God and Jesus want me to do."

Fred: Good idea Flippy.

Floppy: "Well kids I guess we should get going, it has been a lot of fun spending time with you this summer and learning about Jesus together. Have you had fun Flippy?"

Flippy: "I've had a great time, what about you Fred?"

Fred: "Definitely!"

Floppy: "Well kids we'll say good bye for now but hope to see you again soon. See you later alligators!"

Flippy: "What! Alligators, where! What are you taking about!
(Flippy panics a little)

Floppy: "It's just a saying Flippy, see you later alligator is a rhyme. It means hope to see you again.

Flippy: "Phew! I was worried there for a minute....but not too worried, I remembered Jesus is with me and can help me, even with alligators."

Fred: "Yes He can! Bye kids!"

(All puppets say goodbye and go off stage)