

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

Bible for Assistant or you to read from as Narrator

People needed:

1) Narrator (no puppet)

2) Flippy (Fish Puppet)

3) Friend 1 and 2 (2 Fish Puppets)

Flippy, The Catch Of The Day

By Harrison Woodard

Narrator: Once there was a fish named Flippy that lived in the Sea of Galilee. Flippy had a pretty exciting life. Dodging fishermen's nets, hunting for food and avoiding bigger fish kept her very busy. But Flippy wanted more. She wanted to do something special for God.

Every morning and evening she thanked God for His protection and giving her everything she needed. At the end of each prayer she would always add,

Flippy: "If you ever need me to do anything, I'm ready!"

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Narrator: She told all her friends that God was going to use her for something very special.

Friend 1: "Flippy, God doesn't need a fish to do anything for Him,"

Friend 2: "You're nothing but a tiny little fish in a sea full of other fish," said another. "Why would God pick you?"

Narrator: All the fish laughed at Flippy. They thought her faith in God was silly.

Their teasing didn't bother Flippy. She just smiled and swam away.

Day after day, her faith grew as she continued to thank God for everything. And as each day passed, she knew that God would use her for something very important.

And you know what?

He did!

One morning she heard a very soft voice from God. God said, "Flippy, Flippy,"

Flippy: "Hear I am,"

Narrator: She looked all around, but there was nobody nearby.

God said again, "Flippy this is God, I need your help."

Flippy: "What is it?"

Narrator: God replied, "Do you know where the old shipwreck is at the bottom of the sea?"

Flippy: "Yes,"

Narrator: said Flippy. God Said, "Swim to the wreck. Next to the rudder in the sand is a coin. Go get that coin."

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Narrator: Flippy swam as fast as she could to the old shipwreck. Just as God had said, there was a shiny coin lying next to the rudder. She scooped it up in her mouth and waited patiently for God's instructions. Then God said, "Head towards the fishing village on the northwest shore of the sea."

The shipwreck was in the middle of the sea, so Flippy swam all morning until she could see the village in the distance.

God told her, "In a moment, a small boat will leave. The fisherman will drop a hook into the water. Bite that hook and let him catch you. The coin is for him,"

Flippy: "But..."

Narrator: started Flippy.

She couldn't even finish the sentence before God stopped her.

"Don't be afraid, Flippy." God said. "His name is Peter. He will take the coin from you and return you to the sea. I will protect you."

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Soon Flippy saw a small boat leave the village. She followed the boat until it stopped. Just as God said, Peter dropped a line and a hook into the water.

The area was filled with fish and several rushed towards the hook. Flippy knew she had to be first, so she charged forward and chased the other fish away. After they left, she grabbed the hook and gave it a good tug.

Peter pulled Flippy out of the water. He gently opened her mouth. There, sitting in Flippy's mouth was a shiny coin. Peter reached in and removed the coin and the hook.

"Its here! Praise God its here!" shouted Peter. "Just as Jesus said it would be!"

Peter continued to praise God as he lowered Flippy back into the water. In a moment she was free and swimming towards her home. As she was swimming home, she talked to God about all that had happened.

Flippy: "Who was that man?"

Narrator: asked Flippy. God replied, "Peter is a friend of my Son, Jesus. The tax collectors told Peter that he and Jesus needed to pay the Temple tax. Since Jesus is my Son, he shouldn't have to pay taxes for anything. But so as to not offend the tax collectors,

Jesus provided a coin to pay the tax for both Peter and Jesus," explained God.

Flippy: "How did he know how to get the coin?" asked Flippy.

Narrator: God said, "That was easy. Jesus simply told Peter to go fishing and that there would be a coin in the mouth of the first fish he caught. Since his words were filled with faith, he knew that it would happen just as he had said."

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Narrator: Flippy thought about it.

Flippy: "But why me?"

Narrator: "You wanted to do something for me didn't you?" said God.

Flippy: "Yes."

Narrator: "You believed that you have a purpose and that I could use your help." God explained.

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Narrator: From then on, every morning and evening Flippy praised God for giving her everything she needed and His protection. At the end of each prayer she would always add, "If you need me to do anything, I'm always ready."

