



Supplies

- 16-ounce plastic cups (1 per child)
- thumbtacks
- string
- scissors
- rubber bands (2 per child)
- stapler
- construction paper (in a variety of colors)
- transparent tape
- googly eyes
- ping-pong balls (1 per child)
- permanent markers
- "Urpity Fish Instructions" handout (download [here](#))

Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



Make Fish

Show kids the sample craft you made. Have small-group leaders give each child a cup and a ping-pong ball. Set out the remaining supplies to share, and have kids follow the directions on the "Urpity Fish Instructions" handout to make Urpity Fish.

- Use a thumbtack to poke a hole in the bottom of your cup.
- Cut a piece of string to be roughly 2 feet long.
- Poke the string through the hole in the cup.
- Cut four slits around the rim of the cup, evenly spaced.
- Stretch rubber bands over the cup, sliding them through the slits to make a plus sign.
- Tie the end of the string that's inside the cup to the center of the rubber bands.
- Staple the rim of the cup above the rubber bands to close up the top of the slits.
- Decorate your cup to look like a fish. To make scales, you can cut small half-circles out of construction paper and tape them in rows around your cup. You can also add fins and a head with googly eyes.
- Draw a Jonah figure on your ping-pong ball using a permanent marker.

Try It Out

Say: **When Jonah tried to run away, God knew where he was. God is all-knowing. God sent a fish to swallow Jonah and later had the fish spit Jonah back up onto the shore. Let's see if you can get your fish to spit Jonah out.**

Have kids follow these directions to get their fish to spit Jonah out. It may take a few tries to get Jonah to pop out, but working in pairs will help.

- Hold the cup in one hand and use the other hand to pull the string down as far as you can.
- Have a friend place your Jonah ping-pong ball right in the center of the rubber bands.
- Release the string and watch your fish spit Jonah out!

Talk About It

Have small groups sit together and discuss these questions.

Ask: • **What do you think it would be like to live inside a fish for three days?**

- **What do you think it would feel like to get spit up by a fish?**
- **Why do you think God caused this very unusual thing to happen to**

Jonah?

Say: **God is all-knowing. Jonah couldn't hide from him, because God knew where he was all along. But we don't need to hide from God! He loves us, just like he loved Jonah even when Jonah disobeyed. He sent the fish to keep Jonah safe and to spit him back onto dry land.**

Have kids take home their Urpity Fish and use them to tell the Bible story and Bible point to their friends and families.