**Cool-Aide Gummy Dunk**

**Topic: Valuing Others**

**Bible: Psalm 139:13-16**

Supplies:

* 3 large kiddy pools
* Large bags of gummy worms all different colors, large bag of gummy bears different colors
* Three different colors of cool aid mix (enough to color a kiddy pool of water)
* 3 small buckets
* Large roll plastic sheeting
* Shaving cream and balloons

Directions:

1. Lay out plastic sheeting and begin to water it down to make slippery.
2. Fill the three pools with water and add a different color cool-aide to each until the color is strong enough.
3. Put an equal number of gummy worms and bears in each pool, colors do not matter.
4. Divide your students into three teams and line them up on the opposite end of the plastic.
5. On go one student from each team will run or slide down to the pools.
6. They will choose any pool and dunk their head in and fish out a gummy. They can only take one, and they cannot spit it back into the pool.
7. Only one student is allowed at each pool.
8. Gummies are worth different points
   1. Green Worms 5pt
   2. Red Worms 3pt
   3. Yellow Worms 2pts
   4. All but red gummy bears are worth 1 pt a piece
   5. Red gummy bears are minus 1pt
9. Once they get a gummy they run back to their team and put it in their team’s bucket. A leader will add their points up as the game goes on.
10. The winning team is the team who reaches 50 pts. first.

Say: That looked like it was harder than it sounded. But the biggest question I have right now is, what is your favorite cool-aide flavor? Mine is (your favorite cool aide flavor), but the color really doesn’t matter as long as it has enough sugar in it.

Ask:

* What did it feel like when you got just a gummy bear?
* What did it feel like if it was red?
* As you were getting closer to 50 pts did you take extra time to choose a gummy that was worth more points?
* How do you choose friends?
* What makes one-person worth more than another when it comes to people to hang around?
* Are you worthy to be someone’s friends?
* Have you ever felt like a red gummy bear, someone that’s not as important as others?

Say: The world is the most common place we turn to when we begin to determine the value or worth of having someone as a friend. We then begin to think of others as unworthy or lower than us.

Ask:

* What does the world tell us makes a person worth more?

Say: There is something amazing I want to let you all in on. God designed and created you in His image. This does not mean you look exactly like God, but you are designed and created to be like Him. When we break this down and try to define our worth or value, it is very easy to figure out. No one is worth more than another because God values everyone the same.

Read: Psalm 139:13-16

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Say: God designed each of us differently, but He did not create one to be better than another. He values each of us the same even though we are different. When you are starting to put value judgments on others, remember that God loves everyone and values everyone the same, no matter what. It is ok to not want to be friends with everyone, but you still need to respect them and love them.

Ask (students don’t need to answer out loud):

* Have you ever know someone that just annoys you for some reason?
* How do you treat this person?

Close: Have students take some quiet time alone to pray about the person that they thought about. Encourage them to ask God for forgiveness for the way they treated this person. Tell them that they need to also talk to God about how they value others.