

Come on Down

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Items Needed:

- ❖ Beach Stuff: sunglasses, Hawaiian shirts/shorts or beach cover-ups and flip-flops, beach bag, zinc sunscreen (for the nose), big glasses, straw hat or umbrella props...etc
- ❖ Kids blow up Swimming Pool
- ❖ Big fun beach pail
- ❖ Floaties – water duck or frog (kind that goes around the waist) miscellaneous stuff like that
- ❖ Cardboard, tempera paint: make sunshine smiley faces and water waves
- ❖ Pretend fliers (maybe have water waves and sunshine smileys on them – to hand out as invitations)
- ❖ Ms. Appearance: needs to dress very VOGUE and glamorous
- ❖ Ms. Uncomfortable: needs to dress very CEO / President-type look. Classy, business executive.
- ❖ Evangelist: wears beach attire (as do the other beach helpers)
- ❖ Copy of “Dive” by Steven Curtis Chapman

Set up:

There should be a sign on one side that says “TO THE POOL” or something along that line.

Enter the Female Evangelist for the Lord

Have a person wearing beach paraphernalia standing as if along side the street/road – a type of ‘town crier’ who is inviting everyone she meets to “Come on Down” to a special “Fun in the Sun” day at the pool. She should call out to people saying, “*Today could be the best day of your life – Come on Down to the Pool! The water is perfect, it’s clear and cool – just the right temperature – the water is invigorating, delightful, refreshing...*”

Evangelist: Good afternoon, Ma’am. It sure is hot out today, isn’t it? I bet you could go for a nice tall glass of ice cold water...

Ms. Appearance: *(speaking with a snooty demeanor)* Why yes, that would be delightful. (looking around) However, sadly enough though, I do not see a bottled water dispenser anywhere in the vicinity.

Evangelist: Well actually, I had something else in mind.

Ms. Appearance: Oh re—ally, you do? *(acting as if she suspects her to be playing a game.)* Well, I may have suspected as much from someone standing alongside the road as you are. Let me guess, you would like to sell me something, would n’t you?

Evangelist: Why no! Not at all. I just wanted to invite you to...

Ms. Appearance: *(interrupting)*... Let me guess, a Tupperware party...

Evangelist:No.... It’s not that...

Ms. Appearance: *(interrupting still)* ...home interior.... *(Evangelist shaking head no, unable to answer)* Rubbermaid...? Amway....? Creative Memories...? *(continues to list different things)*

Evangelist: *(interrupting back)*... Excuse me Ma’am, I must have somehow given you the wrong impression. I am not selling anything. In fact, I am *GIVING* something away!

Ms Appearance: *(surprised)* Ohhhhhhhh, I see....

- Evangelist:** Yes! I simply wanted to invite you down to the pool this afternoon. Why Ma'am it is so hot out today and the owner sent me out to invite as many people as I could to Come on Down to the pool and DIVE in (*excited*). Oh Ma'am, the water is so incredible today and the temperature is just right. The manager of the pool is there and he is inviting everyone to come for free today. He also has cool water to drink and more food to eat than you could ever imagine. It's a celebration day! He wants you to come and be a guest of honor at the celebration. And since it IS so hot out, I can tell that you would probably love to just DIVE on in....
- Ms. Appearance:** (*rudely interrupting*) Well, I never! I never heard of anything for free that was worth having! And not only that – what would people think – seeing a person like ME... Why... it's bad enough that I am out and about on my own, by myself, doing all these chores and such on my own. I have my public to consider, you know. Why there's the highlights in my hair to consider – which would not go well AT ALL with the chlorine balance in a public pool... oh no – NOT AT ALL! That wouldn't do. And my nails, I JUST had them done last night –both manicure AND pedicure. NO! NO! NO! Diving into a public pool and flailing around in the water like that? No. I don't think I WILL accept your free offer to "come on down and dive in" or anything else for that matter. I can JUST IMAGINE what FREE means. You see, I have heard about this type of thing and this manager has probably used the cheapest meats and the most inexpensive food...
- Evangelist:** (*trying to reassure*) Why Ma'am, that's not the case at all. He is offering the finest of foods, the best of all that He has to offer is free to you. If you would only come on down and just taste and see today.
- Ms. Appearance:** (*nose in the air*) Thank you very kindly for your invitation but I just can't risk my standing in the community to go frolic around in some pool and splash about all day. I am a very important person, with very important things to do. You will have to excuse me now. I am on my way to a very important place where I will meet with someone who is extremely important. Good day.
- Evangelist:** (*appears sad for a moment but quickly turns cheerfully to second lady approaching*). Hello there Ma'am. How are you today?
- Ms. Uncomfortable:** I've been better. I sure have had better days (*starts giving her life story and growling about everything she can think of*). This week has been the longest week of my life. I have been so busy. So many things to do, so little time. So many people want me to do this or to do that... (*exasperated*) Why, I can only do so much, you know. I AM only human.
- Evangelist:** (*smiling and confident*) Oh, I sure know what you mean...
- Ms. Uncomfortable:** (*interrupting*) No, I don't think anyone knows like I do. I always get the brunt of everyone's work and I have to do everything for everyone. My husband can't take care of himself for a day without setting the dryer on fire. The kids can't get ready and get to the bus on time without me there to move them along. My family is always demanding this or that, my work always calling me for something else, and well... (*letting out a dramatic exasperated sigh, flailing arms*)... I just don't think anyone has it as bad as I do...
- Evangelist:** Well Ma'am, I think you have happened to be walking by at the perfect time (*she pats her on the back and smile sympathetically*). It is so hot out today and you really do need to feel refreshed and renewed. So here I am – waiting for you - to invite you to come to a very special opportunity. I want to invite you to come on down to the pool this afternoon and dive in! (*gesturing*) The water is awesome! And the greatest part of it all is that the manager of the pool has prepared a banquet, a feast of wonderful filling and nutritional foods for you ... (*leaning in closer, waving a hand in the air as if to paint the picture for her*) --- actually Ma'am – JUST FOR YOU! It's free!

It's fun! It's satisfying! On a hot day like today, when you're tired and worn out... It's the perfect answer to all your frustrations. Ma'am, I sure would like for you to come. How about we head down to the pool right now? We'll DIVE IN together!

Ms. Uncomfortable: *(very defensive)* I am not comfortable with that AT ALL. I am not going to go down and dive into anything. I am just not comfortable with anything you are saying. My time is money and money is what makes the world go round. I don't have time for anything that doesn't benefit me monetarily. My kids, my job, my husband all need me and I do not have time to go jumping around in any water. *(flabbergasted and annoyed)*. How would it look if I were to abandon all my important responsibilities to take up with some POOL PEOPLE and splash about with you and your fun in the sun crew? Thank you, but NO thank you Miss! *(marches off with a frustrated, annoyed look)*.

Evangelist: *(stands in amazement, scratching her head for a moment, thinking.... a light bulb idea occurs and she bounces with glee as she runs to the side and pulls over a mini-pool and a water bucket.... She puts on EVER MORE BEACH paraphernalia. She picks up her cell phone as if calling someone... in seconds others arrive on the scene dressed the same way, carrying HUGE smiley sunshine faces and cardboard water waves... at that point they start playing "DIVE" by Stephen Curtis Chapman. Brief excerpt of the song – chorus – just enough for 2-3 people to come onto the scene - then the music should lower down.....NOTE - the emphasis here is on the fact that although we may say something is wonderful – until people SEE us personally enjoying it or looking as if we have the thrill of it on our lips and in our lives – then they may never be attracted – the difference here should be seen in the excitement and fun and fellowship in the little bit of water they have along the road --- to emphasize "oh man just wait until you get to the pool!!! We're gonna have a blast!!!! There is a portion of the song that emphasizes this particular idea. To add another dimension for fun, it would be really cool to have the song set up on video instead of a tape to play in the background for the ending)*

Group Approaching: Hey what's going on? WOW. It looks like you're sure having a lot of fun. Can we join? *(emphatically the whole group begins to pick up beach paraphernalia, and look excited and inquisitive ... lots of fun ad lib here...)*

Evangelist: Welcome! Welcome! We're so glad you are interested. If you think this is fun and refreshing – wait til you see what is waiting for you.... *(ad libbing more, group asking and talking and chatting --- link arms together, grabbing their stuff asking questions as they head out down to the pool... music comes back on loud as they bounce off stage in the direction of the pool)*.