

Germ Busting and Dusting

Pretend to sneeze. Explain to students that when you sneeze, you get invisible germs all over your hands. Show how germs cover a person's hands, by dipping your hands in flour. Touch several surfaces. Ask students what happens when you don't wash your hands. (*The flour sticks to the surface.*) What do they think happens when someone touches a table when their hands are full of germs? (*The germs stick to the table.*)

Have several students touch a surface with flour. What happens? (*The flour sticks to their hands.*) If the flour were really germs, what would be happening to them? (*They'd be getting germs all over their hands.*) Ask those with the flour (pretend germs) on their hands what would happen if they put their fingers in their mouth right now? Or what if they picked up a sandwich? (*They'd be putting germs in their mouths.*)

Ask students how they can get rid of the flour "germs" on their hands. Is that the same way to get rid of germs? Wash your own hands and have each student who participated wash their hands.

