

Icebreaker: Telephone Charades

(30 minutes)

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Activity Summary

In small groups (4-6 people), one participant acts out a word or phrase for one of the other small group participants. Without any words or sounds being exchanged, that participant acts out what she/he thinks the word is to the next participant, and so on until the last person in the small group guesses what word or phrase was given.

Materials Needed

Cards with the following words or phrases written on them (feel free to use other words or phrases not listed): Hula Hoop, Pirate, Sky Diving, Eating an Apple, Bungee Jumping, Roller Coaster, Candy Bar, Thanksgiving, Hunger, Water, Farmer, Family, Community Service, Recycling, Electricity, Jesus, Stations of the Cross, Resurrection

Procedure

Divide the group into teams of four to six people and pick a team to go first. Each team's turn will proceed as follows:

- In the front of the room, the group members should line up single file, all facing one direction so they are lined up one behind the other (they will look like they are forming a human train).
- The person at the end of the train will be the first actor/actress. The person at the front of the train will eventually be the guesser. The leader will show a word or phrase from a card to the first actor/actress, as well as to the audience (all the other groups).
- After a brief moment to think of how she/he will act out the word/phrase, the person will tap the next person in the line (person #2) on the shoulder. That person will turn around and face the actor/actress. The actor/actress will then have 1 minute to act out the word or phrase (using no sounds).
- After 1 minute has elapsed, person #2 then taps the next person in line (person #3) on the shoulder. That person will turn around and face the new actor/actress (person #2). The new actor/actress then has 1 minute to act out what she/he thinks the word is.
- This continues until the game gets to the person at the front of the line (the guesser).
- The person at the front of the line must guess what word/phrase is being acted out. If the person guesses correctly, that team gets 2 points.
- If the person at the front of the line guesses incorrectly, the original actor/actress for that team gets a chance to act out the word/phrase to the person at the front of the line (the guesser). If the guesser answers correctly from the original actor/actress, that team gets 1 point.
- When the first team is finished, the next team comes to the front of the room and the process starts over.
- Play as many rounds as time permits.