

WHY GoSSiP?

Begin with the activity The Gossip Trap

Then invite group members to discuss the game:

- What happened to the message passed down the line?
- What does the game illustrate about how a story about someone changes as it's passed from person to person?
- Relate a time when something that was true about you became twisted as people passed it along.
- What is gossip? How do we recognize gossip? What different forms does gossip take?
- Why do people gossip? What does gossip do for those who gossip? What do we have to lose if we stop gossiping?
- What's the result of gossip? What can result for the one who gossips? for the one who is gossiped about?
- At what point does sharing information become gossip?