

BACK-TO-BACK ART

TIME 10–30 minutes

SUPPLIES

- › Paper and pens
- › A few simple drawings (such as a lamp, house, flower, smiley face, and sun)

THE GAMES Break the group into two parallel lines (with a minimum of four and a maximum of 20 people per line). Players should face forward and be silent. Give a sheet of paper and a pen to the person at the head of each line. Explain that this game is an artistic variation of the gossip game.

Show the last person in each line the same simple drawing (don't let others see it) and ask them to trace the picture with their fingers on the back of the person in front of them. Each person in turn traces the picture on the back of the next person in line. The person at the head of each line draws on paper the design they felt drawn on their back.

Compare this drawing to the original drawing to see which team best communicated the original design. After the first round, have new people go to the front and back of each line and play a second round.

GOING DEEPER

- › How well do you think you communicated with the next person in line?
- › What are the strengths and weaknesses of nonverbal communication? Verbal communication?
- › How can you make sure you communicate well with others?
- › How can you listen actively to receive and understand information correctly?
- › Why is effective communication so important to friendships and in working together?