

THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

TIME 30 minutes

SUPPLIES

- › Miniature candy bars
- › Paper plates (equal to the group number minus one)
- › Masking tape

SET UP Mark the starting line of the play area with tape. Pace off steps equal to the number of players plus two and mark the ending line with tape.

THE STORY Set the scene: Welcome to the Chocolate Factory! You must cross the steaming vat of hot chocolate in order to visit the chocolate factory on the other side. Beware—if you lose your balance and fall into the vat of hot chocolate, you become part of the candy bar! If everyone crosses safely, chocolate candy bars are your reward.

THE GAME Gather everyone at the starting line and distribute a paper plate (“marshmallow”) to each player. Players must use their marshmallows to float across the hot chocolate. Part of their body must touch a marshmallow (theirs or someone else’s) at all times (otherwise, the marshmallow will melt). Marshmallows can be passed from player to player in the vat of chocolate. More than one player at a time can touch or share a marshmallow.

When a player loses his or her balance and falls, the whole team must return to the start and begin again. If the whole group crosses safely, reward them with chocolate bars.

VARIATION To add to the fun, give the group only 20 minutes to complete the task.

GOING DEEPER

- › How did the team make group decisions that allowed you all to complete this activity?
- › What strategies worked effectively?
- › How well did the group listen to each other’s ideas?
- › What did you like or not like about how you worked together?
- › Give an example of team work in this game.
- › Why is it important to show respect for others’ ideas, even if you don’t agree with them?