

# **icebreaker GAME ACTIVITIES**

Here are some icebreaker & community building activities you may want to use in the early stages of your group. Some require supplies & preparation so read through in advance.

**Most friendships begin with basic introductions, learning a little something about what the other person enjoys and sharing what it is that we enjoy. This activity helps your group do this.**

**Name Game** - One person begins by saying their name and something they like. The next person on the right repeats what the first person said and then adds their own name and something they like. The next person on the right repeats what persons one and two have said and adds their own name and what they like. Continue in this manner all around the circle.

(You can give as much help as necessary or you can modify the game by having each player only repeat what the player to their immediate left said before stating their own name and what they like.)

**This activity reinforces the names and encourages the group to work together.**

**Beach Ball Toss** - Say someone's name and then toss the ball to them (make sure everyone gets the ball tossed to them at least once). When everyone has gone once, start over and go in the same exact order as before. Have your entire group stand up and try to do this as quickly as possible.

**A good illustration of our connectedness and how our relationships can be a support.**

**Yarn Game** - Remind participants how we are connected to one another through our friendships. Hold the end of the string, say something about friendship and throw the ball of string to someone else. Hold on to the string when you throw the ball to the next person; eventually it will look like a web. Players can name a friend, say why they are a good friend, talk about what makes a good friend, say when a friend helped them out .... Go around the circle twice or three times so you have a good web. Keep holding on! Someone throw the beach ball on top of your web and see if you can bounce it around.

**Color Me Friendship Puzzles** - Have each participant draw something on a puzzle piece that symbolizes a quality of friendship to them. Put the puzzle together and see what it looks like. Once the puzzle is together you can write or draw some more on it.

**Photo Op & Picture Frames** - Participants will have the opportunity to have a polaroid picture taken of themselves with some of their new friends. Have cardboard frames which can be decorated with the magic markers. Once the frames are decorated, use the masking tape to secure pictures to the frames.

**Heart Pins** - Use glitter glue to decorate a heart pin to give to one of your new friends at the table. Make sure each participant receives a pin. Helpers can take pins and place in designated heart pin drying area.

## ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS

- a) Name a life goal.
- b) If you had three wishes, what would they be?
- c) Name one thing you know about world hunger.
- d) Name your favorite bands/musicians.
- e) Name one word that describes your faith.
- f) Name one of your talents.
- g) Name a place that you have traveled that was very different from where you live – why was it so different?
- h) Name one thing you enjoy and one thing you do not enjoy about school.

## KIDS & SPONSORS ICEBREAKER

### GUESS FOR EACH OTHER

- 1- FAVORITE COLOR
- 2- WHAT ALLERGIC TO
- 3- FAVE MOVIE
- 4- FAVE FOOD
- 5- FOOD WOULD NEVER EAT
- 6- WHEN DID YOUR SPONSOR (PARENT) MAKE THEIR CONFIRMATION
- 7- DOES THE CONF. CANDIDATE HAVE A BOYFRIEND/ GIRLFRIEND OR HAVE A CRUSH ON SOMEONE
- 8- WHAT IS THEIR FAVORITE SONG/ MUSIC ARTIST
- 9- WHEN IS THEIR BIRTHDAY & BIRTH YEAR
- 10- WHAT IS THEIR FAVE TV SHOW
- 11- WHAT IS THEIR CONF. NAME

WHAT IS THE MOST GRUESOME FORM OF DEATH?

WHO IS SOMEONE YOU ADMIRE & WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW & WHY?

WHAT AREA OF YOUR LIFE DO YOU NEED TO LOOK AT & MAYBE CHANGE?

WHAT 2 PEOPLE WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAND WITH IN A PICTURE?

WHAT IS THE MOST SACRED THING TO YOU?

WHAT COLOR BEST DEFINES YOUR MOOD RIGHT NOW?

IF YOU COULD BE A PART OF ANY SITCOM FAMILY WHICH WOULD YOU PICK & WHY?

HOW CAN YOU MAKE JESUS A BIGGER PART OF YOUR DAY?

IF YOU COULD BE ANY OTHER RACE OR NATIONALITY WHICH WOULD YOU PICK?

IF YOU COULD CHOOSE YOUR MANNER OF DEATH, WHAT WOULD YOU WANT?

IF YOU COULD BE THE STAR OF ANY MOVIE- WHICH WOULD YOU PICK?

WHAT IS THE SCARIEST THING FOR YOU?