

# TEAM WORD-WORK

## RECOMMENDED AGE

### GROUP:

- 5-7
- 8-10
- 11-12

### ACTIVITY THEME:

Importance of following rules

## DURATION:

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Activity Time: 15-20 minutes

## ACTIVITY PURPOSE:

Teach children about the importance of following rules; it improves teamwork and prevents potential safety concerns.

## ACTIVITY GOALS:

- Learning each other's names
- Team building and cooperation
- Building trust
- Learning a new skill
- Embracing differences and accepting diversity
- Other: Importance of following rules when building teamwork

## EQUIPMENT:

- Sheets of construction or white paper,
- Markers, crayons or pencils.

## ► RESOURCES

### ACTIVITY AREA:

This activity is suited for a multi-purpose room with tables and chairs.

### SAFETY:

Following the rules helps to keep everyone safe.

## ► ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION & INSTRUCTION

### PREPARATION:

- Gather the materials required for this activity.

### ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

- Divide the participants into teams of 4-5.
- Each team comes up with a made-up funny or silly word.
- Teams then draw their representation of this made-up word on a piece of paper.
- As they are drawing their picture, announce 3-4 conditions that each team must include in their drawing. For example, teams must use 5 colors, each team member must contribute one idea to the drawing, water must be included in the picture, etc.
- When the teams complete their drawings, they will present them to the rest of the group.
- As part of the presentation teams must describe how their picture meets all the conditions.

**DISCUSSION POINTS: IMPORTANCE OF TEAMWORK**

- ▶ How did your team decide on just one funny word to use in this activity?
- ▶ How did your team work together to follow all the rules?
- ▶ Did your team listen to and try to use everyone's ideas?
- ▶ Do you think your team followed all the rules?
- ▶ Discuss the importance of respecting each teammate's contributions i.e.T.E.A.M.– Together Everyone Achieves More.

## ► GUIDED DIRECTION

- ▶ Provide a time limit for coming up with the made-up word.
- ▶ Let the participants negotiate their decisions such as selecting a made-up word but watch to ensure that everyone is being respectful.
- ▶ Ensure that all participants have an opportunity to contribute their ideas.

## ► TAKE HOME MESSAGES

We are learning about the importance of following rules. Please review our program content with your children and review the rules with them:

- ▶ Teaching and following rules keeps everyone safe and makes the game fun for everyone.
- ▶ Discuss the importance of being a good listener and how it contributes to being a good teammate and creating a safe environment.
- ▶ Discuss the importance of thinking before we act or react!

## **ACCOMMODATIONS & CONSIDERATIONS:**

**TEAM UP YOUR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PARTICIPANT UP WITH A FRIEND**

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