



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.

ACCOMMODATIONS & CONSIDERATIONS:

TEAM UP YOUR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PARTICIPANT UP WITH A FRIEND

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!