



FIND THE LEADER

Location: Anywhere, sitting in a circle
Energy level: Low
Themes: leadership, setting an example, integrity

Description

I didn't start it. He did. No! She did! Did not! Did so! Can you find out who started it and discover the real leader in the group?

Resources

Optional: Chairs for each participant arranged in a circle. (Participants may also simply sit on the ground.)

Preparation

No preparation is needed.

What to Do

1. Have the participants sit in a circle.
2. Chose someone to be "It" who must identify "the leader" that is initiating actions for the group.
3. Send the person you have chosen out of the room or have the person close his eyes.
4. Silently point to the leader so that everyone else knows who the leader is.
5. The leader will initiate actions and change body positions.
6. Everyone must copy the body position and actions of the leader.
7. The person you have chosen as "it" stands in the center of the circle and tries to discover the identity of the leader.
8. When the leader is identified, choose a new leader and someone new to be "it" and repeat the game.



Take It to the Next Level

Recognizing Leadership

- How do you recognize a leader in real life?
- Name some of the leaders you know?
- What qualities do they show as a leader?
- What leaders do you admire? Why?
- What are the qualities of a good leader?
- What is one of your strongest leadership qualities?
- What is one leadership quality you would like to develop?

Integrity

- In this game, the leader tries to not get caught! Have you ever done anything in secret and hoped you would not get caught?
- Is the example that a leader sets important?
- Why is integrity an important quality of a leader?

Conclusion

One of the most important qualities of an effective leader is that he sets an example for others to follow. A true leader doesn't just tell others what to do, but also leads the way. A leader is only a leader to the extent that he/she inspires others to follow him/her.

Action Point

- What are some of the areas of your life where you need to set an example for others to follow?
- What is one leadership quality you need to develop? How can you start working on that quality today?

Take It Spiritual

- Could you say to others the same words as Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:1 "Imitate me just as I imitate Christ?" Why or why not? (See also John 13:14-16; 1 Peter 2:20-22)
- What are some the things we should imitate in our leaders? As leader, what are some example we should set? (See Philippians 3:16-18; 1 Timothy 4:12; 2 Timothy 2:13 2:2; 3:10-17; Titus 2:7; 1 Corinthians 4:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 1:6-8; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10; 2 Timothy 2:13 2:2; 3:10-17; 1 Peter 5:1-10; Hebrews 13:7)
- What are some of the Biblical qualifications for spiritual leaders? (See 1 Timothy 3:2-13; Titus 1:5-9; Hebrews 13:7)
- What do the scriptures say about integrity? (See 2 Corinthians 1:12, Proverbs 2:7, 10:9, 19:1, 28:6; Psalm 101; Psalm 26:10-12; Psalm 15; Job 2:3; Titus 2:7; 1:6-7; Mark 12:13-15; Matthew 22:15-17; Deuteronomy 18:13; 2 Samuel 22:26; 2 Peter 3:14; Philippians 2:14-16; Philippians 1:9-11)