



3. We Web Work

Suitable for ages 7+

“The day is short, the task is great”

Rabbi Tarfon, Pirke Avot, chapter 2

Materials:

A ball of yarn or string,
colored stickers,
masking tape,
issue cards

Part 1: The Things We Love to do

Goal:

Let's figure out what we have in common with the other members of the group and what we can do to build the group using our common interests and abilities.

How to play:

- Sit in a circle on the floor.
- Ask the group to think of things they love, are good at or love to do.
- One person starts. He or she tapes the end of a ball of string to his or her place with a colored sticker, tells the group what he or she likes to do or is good at and then writes it down on the sticker and signs it. He or she rolls the ball of yarn on to another participant.
- This new participant repeats the same steps: sticks the end of the yarn, tells the group his or her answer, writes it down, signs and rolls the ball of yarn on to the next participant.
- The process continues until everyone has shared at least one thing that they are good at or they love to do. A web of strings is formed on the floor.
- Ask everyone to look at the different things the participants have written on their stickers. Ask them to now put new stickers next to those they too enjoy doing or are good at, and write their name on them. (It is advisable to limit the number of stickers each participant can put down to 3).
- Investigate this web. What can we learn about the group? What are our strengths? Do we have things in common with one another? Did we know we shared these common interests before?