

TEAM LEADERSHIP PROBLEM

12. ONE THING IS LIKE ANOTHER

Theme: Problem Solving

Estimated Time: 25-30 minutes

Resources Required: Gather up 12 small objects from around the house. These can be anything from a player piece from Monopoly to a golf ball, kitchen mitt, TV remote, etc.

Activity Description and Step-by-Step Instructions:

We often look at objects for what they do. This activity helps us to look at objects in creative ways.

Divide the group into four equal or nearly equal teams, depending on group size. Give each team three objects. State that we often look at objects for what they do and that this activity will help us to look at objects in creative ways.

Instruct the teams that they need to find three or more ways that their objects are common to each other. Give each team five minutes.

After five minutes, have each team share their findings. Now pick up all of the objects and divide the group into two nearly equal teams. Give each group six items and repeat the activity.

After five minutes, have each team share its findings. Now combine the teams into one group and ask them to do the same for all 12 items. See how many common things they can come up with within their five-minute time limit.

Discussion Questions:

What did we just do?

What did you learn?

What were some leadership concepts learned from this exercise?

How can these leadership concepts be applied to outside this activity?