

TEAM LEADERSHIP PROBLEM

13. THE GAME

Theme: Communication Skills

Estimated Time: 25-30 minutes

Resources Required: None

Activity Description and Step-by-Step Instructions:

“The Game” shows that clear communication is not always accomplished, even if the message is simple. This activity relies on indirect communication and will almost certainly cause the message to become corrupted.

Arrange the team in a single line. {You can vary this activity by creating more than one line.} There is no talking other than the person giving the message (the person receiving the message can't talk, as well). There is no writing the message down or using any recording devices.

The leader starts by whispering a simple message to the first person in line. That person then whispers the message to the next in line. This continues through the last person, who is called upon to recite the message. The leader then compares the original and final messages.

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?