

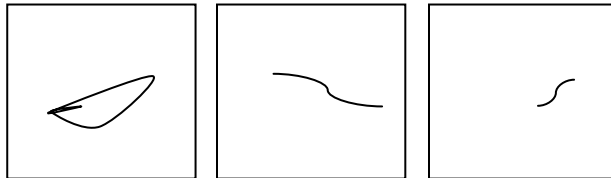
Squiggles

Objective:

Participants will discuss teamwork and participate in an activity that requires teamwork and cooperation.

Set Up and Materials:

- Large pieces of paper (one per group)
- Markers. Each group member should have a different color marker.
- Before the activity begins, have a leader draw a random squiggle on each piece of paper.
- Spread groups out so that each group has access to a hard flat surface. Give each group a set of markers. Start the discussion about teamwork and explain the activity before handing out the squiggle paper.
- Example squiggle papers:



Activity Instructions:

Lead the group in a short brainstorming session about teamwork and cooperation. If possible, write the participants’ responses on poster board or newsprint to be displayed for the remaining hours of the Hunger Challenge.

Here are some helpful questions:

- What does teamwork mean?
- Where does teamwork happen?
- How do you know you are observing teamwork?
- What skills to people need to make teamwork happen?
- Do you have to be friends with someone to cooperate in teamwork?

Provide this definition: Teamwork: Two or more people overcoming their differences to work together towards a common goal.

- Ask: How does this definition of teamwork apply to Outreach International?



Suggested leader response:

Outreach International uses teamwork in various ways:

- Field specialists communicate with the Outreach International headquarters staff in Independence. The OI headquarters staff develops relationships with donors and supporters of Outreach, and then hires field specialists who can change communities. This is teamwork.
- Field specialists work with the field staff and their communities. There must be communication and cooperation between all members of the OI field staff and the communities they work in.
- People in impoverished communities work together to solve their problems. In Bolivia, men, women, and children in communities work together to create an irrigation system to get water to their crops. This long but rewarding process helps sustain communities who now have better access to food. The land is also regaining fertility after years of being barren due to environmental degradation. This is just one example!

Pass the squiggles paper out to teams. Their goal is to work together to create a picture from the squiggle to demonstrate teamwork. They should talk in their groups and devise a plan for their picture. Remind them that everyone's ideas are important--this is what teamwork is all about!

Remind them to incorporate the squiggle that is already on the paper, not cross it out or draw over it. When we are trying to change the world, we must be conscious of starting with what we have. When Outreach International enters a community in poverty, they do not persuade the people to start a new life disregarding their attitudes, ethics, and values. They help people use the resources they already have to make their lives better. No one starts with a clean slate—we have to work with the people and resources around us.

Each person should only use their color of marker. When the picture is finished, everyone's contribution can be seen.

Give the groups as much time as they need to create. When everyone is finished, share the art with the whole group.

Adapted from "Squiggles" activity, Sample Lesson Plan, Peace Games web-site, from: *Elementary Perspectives* by William Kriedler, www.peacegames.org/Resources_sample_lesson_plan.shtml (accessed August 10, 2007).