Family Circle Icebreaker Game

Materials

- slips of paper
- pencils or pens
- large bowl

Instructions

- 1. Set up the Circle: Have the group sit in a large circle, leaving some space between each person. This arrangement allows for easy interaction and engagement throughout the game.
- Distribute Materials: Give each player a slip of paper and a pencil or pen. These will be used to write down their favorite thing in a chosen category. For example, you can select categories like food, movies, books, or any other topic that suits your group's interests. Instruct the players to complete the sentence "My favorite _______ is _____" on their slips of paper, along with their name.
- 3. Collect and Mix: Once everyone has written down their favorite things, collect the slips of paper and mix them up in the large bowl. This ensures that the answers are shuffled and anonymous, adding an element of surprise to the game.
- 4. Read the Favorites: As the facilitator, take turns reading each slip of paper aloud, excluding the names. Start with the category and then reveal the favorite thing. Continue reading all the slips, one after another, until you have gone through the entire collection.
- 5. Choose the Head of the Household (HOH): After reading the favorites, it's time to select the first HOH. The HOH is responsible for making guesses and leading the game. You can choose the HOH randomly or use a predetermined method, such as drawing names from a hat.
- 6. Make the First Guess: The HOH selects another player from the circle and asks them if their favorite thing in the chosen category was a specific item. For example, if the category is food and the HOH's guess is "pizza," they would ask, "Was your favorite food pizza?"
 - Correct Guess: If the HOH's guess is correct, the player who was asked joins the HOH's family by sitting next to them. The HOH can then make another guess, selecting a different player from the circle. This process continues as long as the HOH keeps making correct guesses.
 - Incorrect Guess: If the HOH's guess is incorrect, the player who was asked the question becomes the new HOH. The previous HOH and their entire family (those who joined the HOH's family) now become part of the new HOH's family. The new HOH then takes over and starts making guesses.
- 7. Continue Guessing: The game progresses with the new HOH making guesses and attempting to expand their family. The HOH can seek assistance from their family members in deciding on the next guess, fostering collaboration and teamwork within the group.
- 8. Whole Group Family: The game concludes when the entire group is united in one big family. This means that all participants are sitting together, having joined the same family through correct guesses and strategic gameplay.

Notes

- It's important to note that the list of favorites is read only once at the beginning of the game. After that, players must rely on their memory to make accurate guesses.
- The HOH can consult their family members for help in deciding on the next guess, encouraging communication and cooperation within the family unit.