

Shoe Sort Icebreaker

Materials:

- Shoes
- Box
- String (optional)

Instructions:

1. Gather the youth group members in a designated area as they arrive.
2. Ask each member to take off their shoes and place them in a box. If possible, arrange the shoes in pairs to make the game smoother. You can use string to attach pairs of shoes together or simply tie their laces together in a basic knot.
3. Bring the box containing the shoes to the center of the designated area.
4. Explain the game to the participants: You will display a pair of shoes, and the group must work together to identify the owner of those shoes. Emphasize that the owner of the shoes cannot directly claim them.
5. Choose one person from the group to be the first "guesser." This person will look at the pair of shoes and suggest at least three characteristics or traits they believe describe the owner. For example, they might say, "I think the person who owns these shoes enjoys running" or "I believe the owner is a joyful individual."
6. After suggesting at least three traits, the guesser attempts to identify the owner of the shoes.
7. If the guess is correct, the owner of the shoes retrieves them, and the game continues with a new pair of shoes. If the guess is incorrect, the person guessed becomes the new guesser. They, in turn, provide at least three more traits and make a guess.
8. Repeat this process until the owner of the pair of shoes is correctly identified.
9. Continue the game with the next pair of shoes until everyone has retrieved their own shoes.

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