

Children's Connection Curriculum

Session Topic: Social Skills/Interactions (Diversity Bingo)

Developmental Level: Elementary and Middle School

Purpose: To encourage the group to become more aware of cultural diversity

Materials: Laminated Bingo cards and dry erase markers located in Activity Box

Description of Session:

1. As in Bingo, the first person to complete all squares wins. The counselor asks the members to find someone in the group who meets one of the following criteria and write that person's name in the box.
2. The first square is a "free" square, so the members focus on the remaining 24 squares, which ask questions such as:

Who in this group.....

- Has a Parent in Prison
- Has ever been to jail for a visit
- Likes Math as their favorite subject
- Has a younger sibling
- Was born before 2001?
- Has parents or grandparents who lived outside the USA?
- Knows someone who was born outside the USA?
- Knows someone who is older than 75 years?
- Has visited a country outside the USA?
- Knows someone who has a physical challenge?

Questions should be tailored to meet the groups characteristics and needs

Discussion Questions:

1. Was this game difficult or easy?
2. Can you think of any questions you would add?

Reference: Vernon, A. (2004). *Counseling Children and Adolescents*. Denver, CO: Love Publishing Company