

Children's Connection Curriculum

Session Topic: Misc. (Get to know you) Hot Potato Game

Developmental Level: Elementary and Middle School

Purpose: To be used within the first few sessions to help students get to know the similarities and differences they have from one another.

Materials Needed: Cut outs with ball located in Activities box or included handout, Source for music

Description of Session: Copy the included worksheet and cut them up Put together in a bag or other container. Play music while tossing around a ball, when the music stops have kids draw a card out of the bag. Have student take turns drawing a piece of paper, sharing the question out loud and then answering. Each student that draws could just answer or each group member could answer the questions as well.

Discussion Questions: Review the similarities and differences the students have throughout the group. Share with the group that each student is unique and the group has more in common than an incarcerated family member.

Reference: Creative Interventions for Troubled Children and Youth by Liana Lowenstein MSW, p. 5, 23