

ROPE AROUND THE WRIST PUZZLE - - (You will need about a 2' piece of rope per person - clothes line works well.) Wrap one rope around a person's right wrist and loosely tie a knot. Repeat with other end on person's left wrist. Do the same with the partner's wrists except before you tie that person's second wrist, put their rope over the first person's rope line. Finish the knot. They should now be stuck together. The object of this activity is for them as a team to separate from one another without cutting the rope, untying the knots, or slipping the knotted portion over their hands (so, no cheating). Allow for time to complete. Hint: slip a loop of first person's rope between partner's wrist and rope tied around their wrist, then pass loop over entire wrist.



BANDANA TRICK - - (You will need one bandana or piece of string.) The challenge is to tie a knot in a bandana without letting go of the ends. Have your kids try this. Really play this up, let them try for a period of time. Then you do it. Here's the trick: **fold** your arms first. Grab the ends of the bandana (this will be slightly awkward), slowly unfold your arms, thus untying the knot, and then stand back and let everyone else give it a try.

INTRODUCTIONS - - Give each person a pencil and an index card. Have them write their first and last name on the card. All cards are placed upside down on a table and mixed up. Each person then picks a card (not their own) and goes to find that person and meet them. The cards are returned to their owners. Have them write their favorite hobby or sport. All cards are placed upside down on the table and mixed up. Each person then picks a card (not their own) and goes to find that person and meet them and talk about what they wrote down. Repeat 2-4 more times, each time asking them to write down something about themselves, such as: a favorite movie, a favorite book, a favorite subject in school, a hero or heroine, or someone they look up to, an important person in their life, their favorite food/meal, what to do they want to accomplish this year, what to do they want to be when an adult, etc.