

# TRI-BOND

Divide your group into 2-3 teams. Explain that you will say three things and the object of the game is to figure out what these three things have in common.

The first team to shout the correct answer gets a point for their team. Keep track of team points.

*(easiest on first 4 pages – harder on last 4 pages)*

## **CLUES:**

Instant – Hidden – Candid

Ripe – Dole – Chiquita

Rain – Petrified – Sherwood

String – Wax – Lima

Primer – Concordance – Thesaurus

Cowboy – Combat – Go-Go

Bugles – Funyuns – Cheet-tos

Glenn – Henry – Harrison

Pump – Clog – Loafer

Salsa – Rumba – Tango

Square – Level – Wrench

Water – Honeydew – Cantaloupe

Dirty – Little White – Bold-faced

Steel – Balance – Laser

Rembrandt – Mentadent – Colgate

Gopher – Garter – Rattler

Concorde – Legacy – Corolla

TV – Broadway – Dog and Phony

## **ANSWER:**

Cameras

Bananas

Forests

Beans

Books

Boots

Snacks (brand names)

Fords

Shoes

Dances

Tools

Melons

Lies

Beams

Toothpastes

Snakes

Cars

Shows

Canine – Tusk – Fang	Teeth
Panama – Beany – Bonnet	Hats
Pluto – Neptune – Zeus	Gods
Spitz – Pointer – Dalmatian	Dogs
Pierre – St. Paul – Nashville	Cities
Step – God – Grand	Parents
Sno-Caps – Whoppers – M&M's	Candy
Sweet – Chick – Black-eyed	Peas
Diva – Balladeer – Vocalist	Singers
Sociables – Waverly – Wheat Thins	Crackers
Louis – Liston – Holyfield	Boxers
Water – Oil – Orson	Wells
Peanut – Corn – Motor	Oil
Passenger – Carrier – Homing	Pigeons
Zip – Tommy – Six Shooter	Guns
Victoria – George – Martha Steward Living	Magazines
Shank – Scalpel – Switchblade	Knives
Bald – Flat – Spare	Tires
House – Harvestman – Tarantula	Spiders
Miniatures – Spears – Dills	Pickles
Amber – Jasper – Sapphire	Gems
Mountain – Pikes – Dante's	Peaks
Arkansas – Colorado – Nile	Rivers
Shine – Speed – Sleepless in Seattle	Movies
Christmas – Sleigh – Jingle	Bells

Joy – Tern – Flamingo	Birds
Texas – French – Cinnamon	Toast
Omega – Fossil – Timex	Watches
Lincoln – Cleveland – Philadelphia	Cities
Black – Snack – Halogen	Lights
Hunt – Hayes – Mount Saint	Helens
Nets – Sticks – Pucks	Hockey
Dove – Charcoal – Battleship	Grays
Krait – Bushmaster – Water Moccasin	Snakes
Power – Spinal – Bungee	Cords
Colt – Carbine – Uzi	Guns
Doe – Buck – Fawn	Deer
Sun – Tints – Bifocals	Glasses
Contact – 48 hours – Liar Liar	Movies
Can – John – Toilet	Bathrooms
Flat – Sales – Inheritance	Taxes
First – Financial – Hearing	Aids
Whopper – Tall Tale – Fib	Lies
Kite – Nutcracker – Sparrow	Birds
Prairie – Guard – Seeing eye	Dogs
Days – Comfort – Red Roof	Inns / motels
The Pig – Palmer – Schwarzenegger	Arnolds
Tangled – Spider – Word Wide	Webs
Eye – Kidney – Lung	Organs
Carol – Melody – Lullaby	Songs

Peace - Plumbers – Corn Cobb	Pipes
Pay – Portable – Cellular	Phones
Bean – Noodle – Noggin	Head
Gum – Willow – Elm	Trees
Monroe – Taylor – Truman	Presidents
Hard – Salt – Distilled	Water
Net – Pit – Snare	Traps
Heart – Mad Cow – Legionnaires	Disease
Double sided – Duct – Masking	Tape
Dell – Gateway – Apple	Computers
Lime – Flash – Strobe	Lights
May – Bean – Totem	Poles
Flares – Straight legs – Bell bottoms	Pants
Dugout – Dinghy – Island Cruiser	Boats
Doze – Slumber – Nap	Sleep
Atlas – Novel – Dictionary	Book
Blue – Logan – Boysen	Berries
Curtis – Cathy – Dilbert	Comics
Fare – Chow – Grub	Food (slang terms)
Mace – Crossbow – Gun	Weapons
Spirit – Spook – Apparition	Ghosts
Sitting – Mighty – Daffy	Ducks
Bi – Prop – Bomber	Planes
Hand – Body – Suntan	Lotions
Flower – Truck – Bunk	Beds
A Lumber Yard – A Full Golf Bag –	

The Story of Little Red Riding Hood	They have Woods
Bunny – Ant – Capitol	Hills
The Movie City Slickers – The TV Show Dynasty – A New Age Book Store	They have Crystals
The Belly – The Nose – The Skeg	Parts of a Surfboard
Shadow – Bare Knuckle – Olympic	Forms of Boxing
Apple Cider – White Wine – White Distilled	Vinegars
COM – ORG – EDU	Abbreviations for Internet Domain
Topper – Widowmaker – Diablo	Horses
Paul Bunyan – Baseball Hall of Fame - Maternity Ward	They have Babes
Mirage – Sands – Circus Circus	Casinos in Las Vegas
Open Face – Closed Face – Flat Face	Tennis Terms
Winning the Lottery – The Horizontal Tail Fin Of a Whale – Triangular Blade of an Anchor	They are Flukes
A Week – The Restaurant Industry – The Story Of Robinson Crusoe	They have Fridays
Rudy – Jerry Maguire – Brian’s Song	Football Movies
Indiana Twister – Cleveland Crunch – New England Revolution	Soccer Teams
Houdini – Van Gogh – Van Morrison	Artists
J-Bar Lift – T-Bar lift – Rope Tow	Types of Ski Lifts
A Mountain – A Football – Droopy Pantyhose	They are Hiked
A Computer Mouse – A Nitro Funny Car – A Rake	They are Dragged
An Offense in Football – A Golfer – A Good Hitter In Baseball	They have Drives
Professional Golf – Professional Tennis – Lou Gehrig	They have Grand Slams

Name of 6 French Kings – Name of 5 Spanish Kings – Name of Father of Alexander the Great Phillip	
Email Address – Morse Code – Lowercase J's	They have Dots
Tight – Split – Defensive	Ends in Football
Ice – Field – Floor	Types of Hockey
Boycott – Silhouette – Diesel	Words Named After People
A Golf Course – All in the Family – World War I	They have Bunkers
A Website – The PGA Tour – A Sausage Factory	They have Links
Mount Everest – The Pacific Ocean – Angel Falls	They are Largest of their Kind
Multi-level Marketing – King Tut – The Back of A One-dollar Bill	They have Pyramids
A Mommy Rhino – A Mommy Hippo – A Lower Leg	They have Calves
A Comedy Troop – A Drawing Class – A Police Artist	They have Sketches
A Top Fuel Drag Racer – A Skydiver – A Space Capsule	They have Parachutes
The New Testament – A Play – A Person Who Does Good Deeds	They have Acts
Moguls – Aerials – Ballet	Events in Freestyle Skiing
ABC – PRS – WXY	Buttons on a Phone
Hawaiian – Fruit – Uppercut	Punches
A Toenail – A Football Player Blocked from Behind – A Parrot's Wings	They are Clipped
Hood – Christmas Tree – Lawn	Ornaments
A Shipyard – A Potter's Shop – The Circulatory System	They have Vessels
Alec – Daniel – Stephen	Baldwin Brothers
A Whole New World – Under the Sea – Chim Chim Cher-ee Navy Fighter Pilot – Director of the CIA –	Songs from Disney Films

President of the US	Jobs of George W. Bush
Power Cart – Pull Cart – Carrying	Ways to Get Around Golf Course
A Tuba – Rocky Mountain Sheep – River in Wyoming and Montana	They are all Big Horns
My Girl – True Lies – Fish Called Wanda	Movies feature Jamie Lee Curtis
An Arresting Policeman – A Priest – A Property-Tagged Dog	They have Collars
The Tube – The Box – The Screen	Terms for Television
Bombay – Calcutta – Madras	Cities in India
An Actress – An Eye Chart – A Pick-up Artist	They have Lines
Greek Mythology – An Eyeball – A Flower Shop	They have Irises
The Tonight Show – Star Search – TV’s Bloopers	Shows featuring Ed McMahon
Tom Cruise – Cuba Gooding Jr – Renee Zellweger	Actors in Jerry Maguire
Horizontal Bar – Vertical Bar – Pie	Charts or Graphs
A Center in Football – Pants for a Baby – The Addams Family Theme Song	They have Snaps
A Security Guard – A Football Field – The Cereal Industry	They have Posts
A Human Arm – A Plumber – A Pasta Chart	They have Elbows
A Poor Golfer – A Poor Place Kicker – A Fisherman	They have Hooks
To the Flag – Under God – Liberty and Justice	Parts of the Pledge of Allegiance
Minneapolis – Actress Ashley Olsen – Baseball Player Jose Canseco	They are One of Set of Twins
Hoosiers – White Men Can’t Jump – Inside Moves	Basketball Movies
Java – Cuba – Great Britain	Islands
An Uncontrolled Fire – An Angry Lion – A Screaming Engine	They Roar
A Bull Rider – A Javelin – A Right Hook Summit – Foothills – Base	They are Thrown Part of Mountain

Easter Island – A Mug of Root Beer – A Coin	They have Heads
A Highway – A Third Base Coach – An Astrologer	They have Signs
Flip – Slap – Backhand	Shots in Hockey
Jonathan – Granny – Power Macintosh 8500/120	They are Apples
Hammer – Shot – Discus	Field or Throwing Events in Track
A Ship's Deck – An Ear's Canal – A Petri Dish	They are Swabbed
A Computer – An Airport – The Greyhound Bus Co	They have Terminals
Wimbledon 1968 – A Chess Game – A Deck of Cards	They have Kings
Backward Stop – T Stop – Snowplow Stop	Ways to Stop in Skating
Wild Game – Groceries – Leaves	They are Bagged
Junipers – Firs – Spruce	Evergreens
Dog Paws – Football Players – Office Supply Store	They have Pads
The Telephone Transmitter – The Electric Light – The Phonograph	Inventions of Thomas Edison
A Bad Golfer – A Bad Writer – A Bad Cough	They are Hacks
Slalom – Tricks – Jumping	Water Skiing Events
Little Miss Muffet – The Iranian Plateau – Cottage Cheese	They have Curds
The Gulf Stream – El Nino – The North Atlantic Gyre	They are Ocean Currents
Professional Golf – Frosted Flakes – A Siegfried & Roy Show	They have Tigers
A Flower Shop – A Composer – A Personal Planner	They make Arrangements
An Outfielder – A Carnivorous Pitcher Plant – A Spider's Web	They Catch Flies
212 – 315 – 716	Area Codes in New York



# *TRUE FACTS*

Give everyone a slip of paper and have them write down three facts about themselves.

Collect them and read the facts.

Have your group figure out the person that matches the three facts.

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## *True or False?*

Give everyone a slip of paper and have them write their names on the top.

Instruct them to write down two truths about themselves and one untruth.

Collect them and read the person's name and their info.

Have your group figure out which fact is untrue.

# VALUE AUCTION

Give each person a copy of the "Value Sheet" handout and pens.

Have players fill out their handouts, placing the appropriate values in a column on the right side of the paper.

After everyone has answered, hold an auction. Award each item to the person who assigned it the most money on the handout.

## VALUE SHEET

Imagine that you have \$50,000 to spend on the items listed below. You can invest all your money in one category or divide it between the items, placing more money on the items you value most and little or no money on the items you value least. The highest bid will win the VALUE item in the closing auction.

### VALUE

### AMOUNT I would Invest

To stop all disease	\$ _____
To stop world hunger	\$ _____
To help the needy and the poor	\$ _____
To be the most popular person in the world	\$ _____
To be a great world leader	\$ _____
To bring peace to all nations and destroy all weapons	\$ _____
To understand the entire Bible	\$ _____
To know the future	\$ _____
To travel anywhere in the world	\$ _____
To spend time with a special person	\$ _____
To buy all the things I ever wanted	\$ _____
To make an investment that would guarantee a college education for my children	\$ _____

Parenting little ones – “If I could do it all over again, I would.....”

Name Acronym: character, qualities, physical aspects, etc.  
Natalie – nosey, air soft guns,

## Who Is?

**After writing on paper the answers to the following questions, the leader selects one and reads the answers while the group tries to guess who it is about.**

**Who Is? Write name on top of paper and number to 15:**

- How Many Siblings Do You Have?
- Do Large Groups of People Intimidate You?
- Favorite Color?
- Favorite Food?
- Favorite Room in the House?
- Favorite Flower?
- Favorite Vacation Spot?
- Favorite Gender of Child – if you have one?
- Favorite Food of Spouse?
- Favorite thing To Do With Spouse – *besides sex?*
- Favorite Outside Activity?
- Favorite Inside Activity?
- Favorite Book in the Bible?
- Favorite Character in the Bible?
- Favorite Verse – if you have one?

# WHOSE LINE IS IT?

Divide into groups of 3. Have teams move to a 'front area' where they will create an impromptu conversation by starting each phrase with the next letter of the alphabet.

Each person needs to say only one sentence and the next person has to say a sentence that makes sense as a response which starts with the next letter of the alphabet.

Here's an example of an ABC Conversation:

- #1 Another day at the office...
- #2 Believe it or not, I haven't been here for two months
- #3 Can I believe it? Yeah!
- #2 Do you think things have changed?
- #1 Everything always changes when I'm gone.
- #3 For heavens sake – that is because you only come once every great moon!
- #1 Gracious – I can't help it .....

Have fun and have the group create different impromptu conversations.....

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## Choose Your Own Ending

Before the game, set out 3 objects where everyone will be able to see them.

Give each person a paper and pen. Direct everyone's attention to the 3 objects and tell them that at your signal they are to write a story about these three objects.

The story must be left unfinished because after three minutes, you will switch pages with someone else and finish that person's story.

When stories are done, have everyone read their stories aloud to the group.

# Unfinished Sentences

Cut out each question (follow pages), fold and place in small basket (An “Ask-It Basket?”).

When your Small Group starts - pass around basket to your group.

Explain that the questions are gender specific.

Have each person read their “get-to-know you question” and then answer, explain and expound for the group. (You as the host may need to prod a bit and ask a question or two to get others to open up a bit).

These are safe and good questions to get to know others at the “next level”. Enjoy!

When I need to go somewhere to be alone, I will most often.....

When I’m feeling overwhelmed, I usually.....

When I’m introduced to someone for the first time, I usually.....

My favorite time of day is.....

People find it pretty funny when I.....

I’m looking forward to.....

I’m most like my dad when.....

Two things I would like to accomplish in the next year include.....

I enjoy being around people who.....

I can talk for hours about.....

The thing I like best about my spouse is.....

The one thing my grandparents taught me was.....

The thing that drives me crazy about my neighbor is.....

The famous person that people think I look or act like is.....

My favorite way to waste time is .....

People might be surprised to find out that I.....

The thing I miss most about my childhood is.....

Just for the fun of it, before I die, I would like to.....

Next year looks better to me because.....

I will probably never \_\_\_\_\_, but it would still be fun if I could because..

I'm a bundle of nerves when it comes to.....

I have never quite gotten the hang of.....

The best news I've heard this week is.....

Usually I'm the kind of person who.....

The object in my home that means the most to me is.....

If I were to describe myself as a flavor it would be.....

My favorite city is.....

I want to be the kind of person who.....

The most useless thing in our home is.....

Last year at this time I would never have thought God would....

When I need to relax and unwind, I usually....

One of God's attributes that I most appreciate it....

A spiritual milestone in my life was.....

My ideal vacation would be.....

The area in which I would most like to grow spiritually is.....

One characteristic that I received from my parents that I want to keep is....

The first thing that comes to my mind when I think of God is....

To make me completely content would require.....

The greatest thing I can do for others is.....

In general, I view life as.....

A skill I have acquired is.....

10 years from now.....

My biggest snack craving is.....

When I get really tired.....

The most memorable compliment I have ever received was....

The most physically challenging thing I've ever done was....

The stupidest thing I ever did was.....

My sense of humor is.....

The person who has had the most impact on my life is.....

I frequently daydream about.....

The one bad habit that I wish I did not have is.....

The thing I look forward to the most about getting old is....



When I receive a compliment, I usually.....

I most regret....

When it's sunny outside, my favorite thing to do is....

I would be willing to die for.....

My heart breaks when.....

People generally say that I am \_\_\_\_\_ and I would agree/disagree.....

My biggest weakness is.....

At the beach you will most likely find me.....

To me, work is.....

I can hardly wait to....

What is most important to me in life right now is.....

I want God to see me as.....

The biggest lie I ever told was.....

The ingredients that make a good movie include.....

The childhood event that taught me my most valuable lesson was.....

For me to trust someone.....

My most unique relative is.....

The thing that keeps me from being a good listener is.....

Sometimes it is difficult to counsel a friend effectively because.....

The most difficult choice that I have had to make up to this point has been...

The last time I was extremely moody was.....

One way my life could be different is if I trusted God more in the area of....

When it comes to putting God first in my life, I.....

The thing that gives me the most satisfaction is.....

I thank God because.....

If I were on a deserted island and had to eat the same meal everyday, I would eat.....

The weirdest food I've ever eaten was.....

The time I sacrificed something for someone else was.....

A time someone sacrificed something for me was.....

One amazing way God has worked in my life has been.....

If I had more faith, I could.....

I would describe the meaning of love to a child by saying.....

The way I need to be encouraged today is.....

Prayer brings me closer to God because....

My time with God.....

Something very few people know about me is.....

The hardest thing about prayer is.....

The greatest thing about prayer is.....

The area of my life that is on hold at this time is.....

The one thing I could do this week to strengthen the spiritual foundation of my life would be.....

If someone feels dry spiritually and says they feel far from God, I would.....

The best thing about church is.....

If I were to describe church to a friend, I would

The roadblocks that keep me from having greater faith in God are.....

The most useless gift I've ever received was.....

A time I've personally experienced spiritual warfare was.....

The time I felt closest to God was.....

The most useful invention I use regularly is.....

Before I die, I hope that.....

A spiritual goal I have for my life is.....

One of my favorite funny memories about my family is.....

My happiest times with my family are/where when.....

To get my life back in perspective when it spins out of control, I.....

Good friends earn my trust by.....

I think being made in God's image means.....

I became a Christian by.....

One way knowing God personally has changed my life is.....

The best way I've found to build a bridge with my non-Christian friends is.....

I wish I had more.....

My favorite family holiday tradition is.....

If I could raise one person from the dead, I would.....

Money is great, but.....

The most daring thing I ever did was.....

The worst thing my brother or sister did to me as a child was....

The thing I like best about my children is.....

The thing I remember most about my first job was.....

When I was a child I wanted to grow up to be.....

My experiences in learning how to drive include.....

The worst way I can imagine dying would be.....

In my spiritual journey, I feel I'm.....

I'm most relaxed when.....

The areas of my life in which I find it most difficult to trust God are.....

The last time I said I was sorry was.....

The kind of person who brings out the best in me is.....

People know I'm angry when.....

My three greatest strengths are.....

Three things I'm most thankful for in my life right now include.....

I choose my friends because.....

The one thing in my life that I care most deeply about is.....

My definition of success is.....

If I didn't watch television for a year, I would probably.....

The most beautiful thing I have ever seen is.....

The worst thing that could possibly happen to me is.....

I would describe God to a child by saying.....

Forgiveness is difficult to give because.....

Forgiveness is difficult to receive because.....

When I get embarrassed, I usually....

A great encourager to me is.....

The last time I exaggerated was over.....

The major thing that causes a heart to break is.....

When I see someone who is really happy, I often wonder.....

It is more difficult to receive a gift than to give one because.....

The sickest I have ever been was....

I think the worst kind of lie to tell is.....

When I was a child I was given the nickname.....

To help people reach their full potential, I would.....

What causes me to get overwhelmed in life is.....

When the second coming of Christ occurs, I think most people will.....

If I were to draw a graph of my spiritual journey, it would look like....

To be successful I would have to.....

Most of my conversations on the telephone tend to center around.....

What tires me out the most is.....

I start getting really silly when.....

The worst physical torture I can imagine would be.....

If you were completely deaf but were somehow able to hear for one hour each month, what would you most often want to hear for that hour?

If you had to change your first name, what would you choose as your new name?

What is the most beautiful drive you have ever taken? Be as descriptive as possible.

If you had to wear a button with a maximum of six words on it describing your outlook on life, what would your button say?

Of all the movie characters you have seen, which one do you believe is most like you?

Thinking back to all the great TV series finales that you have seen over the years, which show do you believe had the best final episode?

If all drinking fountains could dispense another liquid in addition to water, what would you want it to be?

What thought or sentiment would you like to have copied and put into one million fortune cookies?



Other than the Bible, if you could have one book instantly memorized cover to cover, which book would you choose?

If you could have 50 pounds of anything other than money, what would you want?

If you could be anywhere in the world for New Year's Eve this year, where would you most want to be?

What is the greatest lesson in life you have ever learned?

Babe Ruth, James Dean, Elvis Presley... If you could bring back any deceased superstar for one final performance in their respective field, whom would you choose?

If you had to rearrange the letters of your first name to give yourself a new name, what would your new name be?

If you could hear a speech from the leading figure in any field, whom would you choose to hear?

In your opinion, what is the most beautiful man-made object in the world?  
In your opinion, what is the best piece of music ever written?

If your name were given as the description for any one word in the dictionary, behind what word would people find your name? (Example: HILARIOUS: John Smith)

If you could see the front page of a national newspaper dated January 1, 2100, what do you imagine that the main headline might say?

If you were writing an autobiography, what would be the book's title (besides your name)?

What do you think is the best conversation piece in your home?

If you could stand at the pinnacle of any natural object or man-made structure, what would it be?

What is something you forgot once that you will more than likely never forget again?

What is the longest line you have ever stood in?

What is one item you won that you really should throw away... but probably never will?

If the daytime high temperature had to be exactly the same every day of the year, what would you want the temperature to be?

If you could open your own retail store, what type of merchandise would you sell?

If you had to describe your personality in terms of a farm animal, which animal would you choose?

If you had to choose your own epitaph of eight words or fewer (besides name and dates), what would it say?

If any one of the national holidays had to be celebrated twice a year, six months apart, which one would you want it to be?

If you were on an African safari, what would you absolutely have to see for your trip to be complete?

If everyone were required to wear a hat at all times, what sort of hat would you wear?

If you could take any job for just one month, what job would you like to have? (Assume that you would have the skills and knowledge to perform adequately.)

If you were asked to create the ultimate vacation destination, where would it be located and what would it be like?

What is your favorite saying or quotation?

If you were completely blind but could somehow see for just one hour each month, how would you most often spend that time?

If you won \$2 million tomorrow, what are the first three things you think you would do or buy as soon as you had the check in your hand?

If you were a professional artist, what would be the theme of your drawings/paintings?

If you had the ability to compete in any Olympic event, which one would you choose to enter?

If ten people who know you were asked to write down on a piece of paper the one adjective that each of them thinks best describes you, what do you think would be the most common word written down? (Consider the answer from their viewpoint, not yours!)

As the Christmas season approaches, what song is it that you just can't wait to hear?

If you could have been there to witness any specific moment in sports history, what moment would you choose?

What is one piece of advice that you wish you could pass along to everyone else?

If you were to write a book, what would you choose as the topic?

If you were an airline pilot and were told to choose any route that you would have to fly for your entire career, what two cities would your flights connect?

What is one event in the future whose outcome you would really like to know now?

What is something you really enjoy doing that is a chore to a bore for many people?

If you could design any new ride or attraction for Walt Disney World, what would it be?

What is one item you own that has virtually no monetary value but has such sentimental value that you would not sell it for \$1,000?

If you could be the spokesperson for any product on the market, what product would you choose to enthusiastically represent?

What is the most exciting event you have ever witnessed?

What "moment of glory" have you watched another person celebrate that you too would love to experience if you could?

If snow could fall in any flavor, what flavor would you choose?

What is your all-time favorite scene from a movie?

Whenever you are having a bad day, what is the best thing you can do to help cheer yourself up?

If you could get one thing back that was either lost or destroyed, what would it be?

What event or activity in the next few months are you looking forward to more than anything else?

What is something you always used to love to do that, during the last year or two, you feel like you've outgrown or lost interest in doing?

What is the most money you have ever found lying on the ground in a public place?

If, like the newspaper or milk, you could have anything of your choice delivered to your doorstep every morning, what particular item would you want it to be?

If you could have the voice of any famous person, living or deceased, whose voice would you want to claim as your own?

If, instead of actually writing out your name, you now had to "sign" your name with a simple drawing of something, what would you draw each time to represent who you are?

In your opinion, what is the most significant event that has occurred in the world history during the last thousand years? (You may define "significant" however you wish.)

What is one vacation destination that many people think is just fabulous, but which you personally have no desire to ever visit (or revisit)?

Of all the great success stories that you have heard or read about, which one do you find the most inspiring?

If you could at this very moment take a ride on anything in the world, what would you most want to ride?

What is one major problem, either in our own nation or throughout the world, that you honestly feel we will have pretty well solved within twenty years?

If you had to come up with one question for a national opinion poll, what question would you most want to pose to the American public?

Considering all the big-screen movies that you have ever seen, which one do you believe had the greatest emotional impact on you?

Which punctuation mark would best describe your personality?

If you could swallow a pill that would stop anything of your choice from ever happening to you again – anything except keep you from getting sick – what would the pill permanently end?

Which month of the year do you think would best describe your personality?  
If you could be the editor-in-chief of any magazine in circulation, having significant input as to the style and content of the publication, which magazine would you choose?

When people find out what you do for a living, what is the most typical question that they are likely to ask you regarding your job?

What is the most incredible weather event you've ever been through in your life?

If, for your next birthday, someone offered to make you the ultimate dessert of your choice, what great concoction would you request? Be deliciously specific!

If you could live in any state other than the one in which you currently reside, which state would you choose?

Forget about soft sounds like babbling brooks, gentle showers, and warbling birds. What is your favorite loud sound?

Aside from any family, friends, or pets, what would be the most difficult thing for you to give up in your life?

What is one field or profession that you never pursued, but that you think you probably would have been quite good at?

What is the greatest distance you have ever driven in a single day?

What was your favorite thing to pretend when you were a young child?

What is your biggest pet peeve?

If you were a multimillionaire, where would you be and what do you believe you would be doing at this very moment?

If, for one month, you could live at any famous residence or house in the entire world, which one would you pick?

If you had a great voice and had the opportunity to record a duet with any singer living today, whom would you choose as your partner for the recording?

In your own not-so-humble opinion, what is your most likeable quality?

If your taste buds could be altered so that the taste of any one food would be dramatically intensified whenever you ate it, which food would you choose?

If you could bring to life any fictional character from a book or movie, whom would you choose?

If rain could fall in any scent, what scent would you want it to be?

What is the best \$100 you have ever spent in your life?

If you were a songwriter drawing from recent experiences in your own life as material for your next big hit, what would be the song's title?

If you could be the CEO of any corporation in the world, which one would you choose?

If you could know without a shadow of a doubt the answer to one question that has always troubled you, what question would you want to have answered once and for all?

If you were invited to be the main guest on a new run of the famous show "This Is Your Life," what three people from your past would you love to see making a surprise visit on the show?

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received in your life?

If you could bring back any tradition that seems to have faded into the past, what tradition would you bring back?



Aside from any family occurrence (marriage, special anniversary, birth of a child, etc.), what event or accomplishment would you consider to be the highlight of your life thus far?

When was the last time you laughed so hard that you cried?

If you could change the ending to any movie you have ever seen, what movie would it be and how would you alter the way it ends?

What age when you turned it- was the most difficult for you to accept? On the other hand, which of your birthdays do you remember anticipation with the greatest amount of enthusiasm?

If you were to die tomorrow, what would you want people to remember you for most of all?

If you were given the opportunity to be an apprentice to any person, living or deceased, from whom would you want to learn?

Who is the most famous person you have ever met?

If you were making a list of the five things (not people!) that make you happiest in your life, what five things would you write down?

When you look back on the life you have lived to this point, what in particular amazes you the most?

If you had to spend an entire summer working at one of our country's national parks or historic sites, which one would you choose?

If you had to be of a different ethnicity than you actually are, to which heritage would you most like to belong?

Suppose that income taxes still had to be paid, but instead of going to the government, your tax dollars would go to any cause or charity of your choice. Assuming the money would have to go to the same place each year, where, other than your local church, would you want it to go?

If you could become fully enlightened instantly on any one subject, which subject would you choose?

What type of service to others or good deed done for other people do you personally find the most rewarding?

What world record would you most want to establish if you could?

What is the most interesting course you have ever taken in school? On the other hand, what is the most boring course you have ever taken in school?

If you had to write your own personal definition of the word "Success," what would it be?

If your life were literally flashing before your eyes, what are three moments of scenes from your past that you would expect to stand out?

Almost everyone can recall a missed photo opportunity because he/she did not have a camera. What moment above all others do you wish you could have caught on film?

If you could experience a sailing adventure/cruise on any river, lake, or ocean in the world, what body of water would you choose for your trip?

If a local radio station offered to let you have your own 30-minute show each weekday morning, what type of show would you have?

If you were told that you could watch only one television show a week for the next 12 months, which show would you choose to watch?

If you could have the original of anything in the world, what would you want it to be? (Assume that you would never be allowed to sell it for money; you must simply enjoy it for what it is.)

If you could know one fact about every person you ever meet, what particular fact would you want it to be? (Assume that the other person would not have to be aware that you know this fact about them.)

If you could be one of America's "most wanted," but wanted because of some great skill you possess, what skill would you want to have?

What is one trip you have never taken but would really like to take someday?

Most people have a favorite story or experience that they love to share with other people. Here's your chance: What's your story?

If you could wake up every morning, open your bedroom blinds, and look out a huge glass window at the perfect view, what would that view be?

If you could have any object or place in the world completely to yourself for one day, what would you choose?

What is something that many people consider a modern-day convenience that you, quite frankly, consider a pain in the neck?

If you could invent a pair of glasses that would allow you to see abstract things (e.g., the motives behind someone's actions), what would you want to see most of all?

If you could float in a hot-air balloon over any city or place in the world, what would you choose to float over?

If, with your safety guaranteed, you could experience something considered very dangerous, what would you want to experience most of all?

If you had the time and money and could go on any month-long summer adventure of your choice, what would you choose to do?

If you could go back in time and ask any famous person in history one question, whom would you question and what would you ask? (Assume that you would be given a completely honest answer.)

You've been given the chance to travel into the future to see how the world will change over the next 50 years. What change in particular are you most interested in?

Everyone hears discussions that they consider boring. What topic can put you to sleep more quickly than any other?

If you could enter a racehorse in the Kentucky Derby, what would you name your horse?

If you were asked to make a "Top Ten" list of the people you regard as the all-time greatest Americans, whom would you rank in the third, second, and first spots?

If you were given a \$100 gift certificate to spend in any store, where would you choose to redeem it?

If you could add one month to the calendar year, inserting it between two existing months, where would you put the extra 30 days? (You can assume that the weather for this new month will be a mix of the weather typical of the month preceding it and following it.)

If you could create a memorial to yourself in a city park, what would the memorial be?

What is the c-c-c-coldest you have ever been in your life, and what is the (Whew!!!) hottest you have ever been in your life?

If you could “uninvent” any past invention, which one would it be? (Consider all the ramifications of eliminating this invention.)

If you could change on – and only one – aspect of the U.S. presidential election process, what would it be?

If you won a contest in which your prize was to select any three guests to appear on a popular late-night talk show, which three people would you choose?

You’ve no doubt heard the expression, “they couldn’t pay me enough to do that job.” What job would that be for you?

Which particular historical document (or portion thereof) do you think every American should know by heart?

If you could walk into any painting and actually experience the moment or scene that it depicts, which painting would you choose to enter?

If you lived on a farm, which chore above all others would you definitely not want to do?

Through the use of a time machine, you are traveling back to the year 1850. You may take with you one, and only one, product or invention from the modern era. What would you take with you to impress and awe our forebears?

# Give it to God

Hand everyone a balloon.

Explain that you will be asking them some questions and tell them that if the question resonates with their heart – they are to blow one large breath into their balloon.

Tell them to hold the balloon (don't tie them). When you are done asking the questions, read I Peter 5:7.

Tell them that they can either hang on to their worries and cares, or they can let them go to God.

We often feel like the balloon, ready to bust!

Everyone usually releases their balloons, and they go flying all over the room!  
Surrender, release and refresh ..... aaahhhh!

Ask the following questions and add your own:

- Have you had a rough day? week? month?
- Are you worried about something?
- Do you have a friend or family member that needs prayer?
- Did you get hurt or let down by your co-worker or friend this week?
- Are you wondering how you will make ends meet this month?
- Did you worry about your kids today? this week?
- Are you feeling unloved today?
- Do you worry where you will be in the next 2 years?

# SALES PITCH

Send 2-3 volunteers out of the room. Instruct them that they will be coming back into the room one by one to do a sales pitch for the secret item in the brown paper bag.

Explain to the rest of the group that the purpose of each person will be to do their best sales pitch in hopes of having you purchase their secret product in the brown paper bag. The volunteers will not know what is in the bag.

The group can ask as many questions as they would like from the sales person.

- What is your product used for?
- How do you use the product?
- How many people does it take to make the product work?

*(The secret product is a roll of toilet paper in the brown bag)*

## Family Talk

What do you worry about the most and why?

If you could do any job in the world for one day, what would you choose and why?

What was your favorite game to play when you were a child?

What was dinnertime like when you were growing up?

What is your favorite story about you when you were younger?

What is the weirdest dream you ever had?

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would do?

What is your favorite season and why?

What is your favorite movie of all time and why? Favorite movie theater candy?

If you could be in a famous band, which band would it be?

What is your favorite meal made by your Grandmother?

What would you put inside a time capsule to be opened in 100 years?

Who was your favorite teacher and why?

What is your favorite meal to eat in a restaurant?

If you could change one thing about your appearance, what would it be and why?

If you were to be granted one wish, what would it be?

What was the first concert you went to and when? Who did you go with?

What do you say or do when someone compliments you?

Define courage. Who is the most courageous person you know?

What would you most like to ask God?

Describe the house of your dreams.



In what ways are you generous? Could you be more generous?

What is your favorite story about your parents as children?

If your family only made handmade gifts for Christmas, what would you make and why?

What is one of the most important things your parents taught you? Have you practiced this?

What is something you would like to accomplish and why?

Who is the most famous person you ever met?

What is your favorite household chore? What is your least favorite household chore?

What is your favorite food?

Have you ever been in big trouble? Why? What did you learn from it?

What is something that you do that gives you the most personal satisfaction?

What is your favorite messy food?

If everyone in your family became dogs, what kind of dogs would they be? Why?

What foods or smells remind you of when you were younger?

What are your three most favorite things to do?

If as a family you were to do something nice for someone, what would you do and why?

What is your favorite commercial of all time?

What makes you feel most welcomed when you get home?

What type of lunchbox did you carry as a child?

If you had to be a member of a family you know, which family would it be and why?

If you could change one thing to make life easier for your children what would it be?

If you could be any animal, what would it be and why?

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

How many houses have you lived in? How many times did you change schools?

How was your bedroom decorated when you were growing up? Was it clean or messy?

Where did you get engaged and how?

Can you remember all of your old addresses and phone numbers? What are they?

If you had to create a mission statement for your family, what would it be?

If you could have chosen your own first name what would it be?

What are some things that make you feel stressed or anxious at home or work?

What is the scariest thing you have ever done?

Name a change that was hard for you. Why was it hard? What did you learn?

What is the very first thing you recall from your childhood?

Name an old friend that you would love to see and why?

What is your favorite family tradition from your childhood?

What was your favorite candy when you were younger?

What are your three least favorite things to do?

What is something YOU do that inspires others to be better people?

Name your ancestors. Where were they from? What would you ask them?

What is something you would like to learn to do?

What is your favorite flavor of cake?

What are you most proud of?

What do you like most about your life? What do you like least about your life?

Would you consider yourself a leader or a follower?

Are you related to anyone famous?

Are you more like your Mom or Dad? How?

What personality trait gets you in the most trouble?

Have you ever had a crisis of faith when your faith was tested?

What strengths do you bring to your family?

What is your favorite ride at an amusement park?

How would you describe your God?

How did you meet your spouse?

What is your favorite thing to do in the summer? Fall? Winter? Spring?

Are you named after someone?

When do you think a woman might be elected president?

How old were you when you got your first NEW car? Who paid for it?

If money and time were no object, what would you most like to do for someone else?

What do you like and dislike about your birth order?

What do you appreciate about your family?

What do you think your friends would say that they like most about you?

What foreign language would you like to speak?

In what ways does television influence your life?

What is your favorite children's book?

Excluding your parents, or children, who are three of your most favorite relatives? Why?

How many students were in your senior class? What is a fond senior year memory?

Who inspires you to be a better person and how do they do it?

Who would you be if you could be someone famous? Why do you choose this person?

Other than family, who is your hero? What traits make them a hero?

Did you get an allowance as a child? If so, how much?

Where were you on 9-11 when you learned of the attack on the United States of America?

What were some alternate names that you considered naming your children?

What is the nicest thing that someone has ever done for you?

What is the nicest thing that you have ever done for someone?

Name all of the pets you have ever had.

Name two things that you have never tried but you think would be fun?

What was your best family vacation and why?

What do you want to be remembered for?

Name three qualities of a good friend.

Who is your favorite cartoon character?

What is the most exciting sports event you have ever attended or watched?

What is your most prized possession?

What was your craziest or most embarrassing hair style you have ever had?

Name one goal you have for yourself.

What was your first job ever? How much were you paid?

Where did you go on your honeymoon? Where did your parents go on their honeymoon?

What is the funniest or most embarrassing thing your children have ever said or done?

What word would you use to describe being a parent?

Who is your all time favorite co-worker or boss? Why?

Who is your favorite singer or musical group?

Where would you take someone who was visiting your town?

Who do you miss?

Define integrity.

What is your favorite dessert?

# Have You Ever Done This ?

Provide sheets of paper and have them number 1-15.

Ask the questions and have them write answers: No or Yes

When done – have them go back and tally score: **No = 1 Yes = 2**

Find out who had the lowest score and give little reward.

Go back over questions to find the best stories!

1. Locked yourself out of the house?
2. Lost a member of the family while out shopping?
3. Put something unusual in the refrigerator?
4. Turned white colors pink (or another color) in the wash?
5. Tripped and fallen in public?
6. Gone somewhere with two different socks or shoes on?
7. Remembered an appointment after it was too late?
8. Had your zipper break in public?
9. Called a member of the family by another name?
10. Run out of gas in your vehicle?
11. Been ready to bathe/shower and found no hot water?
12. Got into your car to somewhere and forgot where you were going?
13. Tried to sweet-talk a police officer?
14. Gone shopping for groceries and discovered you didn't bring any money with you?
15. Went to someone's house and discovered you were at the wrong house?
16. Dialed a phone number and forgot who you called?

# *Hometown Memories*

Ask each person to tell the group their full name and why their parents named them that?

Then have them share the name of their hometown (the place that their mother's gave birth to them) and share one fact about their hometown.

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## Open the Door

Pass a door knob around to each person giving them a chance to answer the question,

“What doors has God opened for me?”

“What doors have I closed on God?”

“What doors has God reopened in my life?”

# Mad Gab

It's not WHAT you say – it's how you say it! Divide teams into Men vs. Women.

Take turns reading the quotes or description to see which team can guess the correct answer first. The person giving the clue will need to say and repeat the phrase numerous times until it sounds like.....the answer.

Example: Sit Chores Heights Sigh.....repeat it until you hear "Set Your Sights High".  
Fur Scum Fur Surfed....."First Come, First Served"  
Thick Waiter....."The Equator"

## CLUE

Eighty Feed Inner

Wool Fins Heaps Glow Think

Anna Sew She Hut

Hit Snot Lie Cue

Aid Ride Hyper

Ajar Coke Real

Us Cooled Each Her

Allow Seep Hey Inch Hob

Tail Meow

Tempo Might Hung

High Wiper Troll

Collide Us Go Pies

Dawned Hey Guinea Chants His

When Hurt Ache Saw

Aloe Cull Knew Sprawled Gassed

Eight Wean Gull Any Size

Ache Leans Late

## ANSWER

a t.v. dinner

wolf in sheep's clothing

an associate

it's not like you

a dry diaper

a charcoal grill

a school teacher

a lousy paying job

tell me how

tip of my tongue

highway patrol

kaleidoscope eyes

don't take any chances

winner takes all

a local news broadcast

a twinkle in his eyes

a clean slate



Bird Enough Kilt	burden of guilt
Dares Hum Thinner Bowel Chew you	there's something about you
Hiney Duck Hiss	I need a kiss
Eighty Pa Sits Lip	a deposit slip
Eight Ape Reek Quarter	a tape recorder
Butcher ed Stew Gather	put your heads together
Bail Heed Ant Sir	belly dancer
Wow Pill Lick Hock	wild bill hickok
Ape Hack Awful Eyes	a pack of lies
Hit Sewn Hatch Her Hull	it's so natural
Haste Robber Reap Eye	a strawberry pie
Us Us Pinch Hump Ridge	a suspension bridge
Neigh Firm Aisle Of	never my love
Us Highness Prop Plum	a sinus problem
Eye Mention Toot Riot	I'm itching to try it
Agree Dink Hard	a greeting card
Ale All Heap Hop	a lollipop
Eight Her Keyed Inner	a turkey dinner
Star Tin Tool Who Sun-up	starting to loosen up
Ache Hunt Trees Tore	a country store
Signs Hex Pier Omit	science experiment
We Knit Train Sip Oars	when it rains it pours
Chain Jeff Pays	change of pace
Hike Air Rub Ouch Hue	I care about you

Ball Stuns Ale Ticks

Ate Whole Freak Haul

Law Sand Jealous

Pose Trays Ember Ran

Anger Say Weigh

Dub Blows Heaven

Pus If Hick Host

Thesis Nope Header Hoses

Hawk Hidden Us Hide

Shoe Took Heal

Out Ache Arrow View

Bill Spare Reed Oh-boy

Eight Ace Dove Hit

Superb Whole

Ask Leer Essay Bail

Huff Ink Earn Elf Aisle

Chew Rule Solemn

Egg Aim Muff From He

Whole League How

Aid Are Crank Loud

Dawn Beach Aisle Dish

Sick Steam House Sin Our

Neigh Jerk Halls

Awe Haze Could Furl Half

Bare Love Mond Ease

Boston Celtics

a toll free call

Los Angeles

post raisin bran

anchors away

007

pacific coast

this is no bed of roses

all kidding aside

shoot to kill

I'll take care of you

Pillsbury dough-boy

a taste of it

super bowl

as clear as a bell

a fingernail file

Jerusalem

a game of rummy

holy cow

a dark rain cloud

don't be childish

sixty miles an hour

nature calls

always good for a laugh

barrel of monkeys

Kit Tread He Fort Hey Cough

get ready for take-off

Mower Chew Fairy

mortuary

Know You Said All

no use at all

Thud How Less Cow Poise

the dallas cowboys

Dawn Beat Who Are Dead Hid

don't be too hard headed

Four Ghetto Fur

fork it over

Up Oz Stud Inner

a pasta dinner

Owe Pin Arts Her Jury

open heart surgery

Chest Leaf Meow Tough Fit

just leave me out of it

Egg Raise Hoot

a gray suit

Ash Her Tanned High

a shirt and tie

Ran Dumb Max Suck Highness

random acts of kindness

Itch Us Taints Owe

it just ain't so

Abe Rush Hank Home

a brush and comb

Lit Told Hid High No

little did I know

Hike Hue

i.q.

Juke Awe Mine Aim

did you call my name

Some Arrow Limp Hicks

summer Olympics

Pill Offer Heights

bill of rights

That Land Ago Shun

the atlantic ocean

Ape Arrows Uncle As His

a pair of sunglasses

May Kick Wick

make it quick

Gasp Hype Line

gas pipeline

Weedy Surf Twin

we deserve to win

Lie Turf Lou Hid

lighter fluid

# Problems and Solutions

Give each person 2 slips of paper and have them write a problem on one slip and a solution to any problem on the other.

Collect all the problems in one box and the solutions in another.

Mix up the slips in each box. Then let each person draw one problem and one solution.

They are to read aloud their problem and its solution. one problem on one and one solution on another.

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# STATES AND CAPITALS

Give each person a pencil and paper. Allow ten minutes for them to write as many states and capitals as they can remember. Give little gift to the most.

State = 5 points

Capital = 10 points

Mistakes = - 15 points

# QUICK SCRABBLE

Divide into 2-3 teams and have paper and pencil ready for each team.

Draw 8-10 letters from the box and tell each team the same combination of letter tiles. (If you don't have the board game then go ahead and write letters on a piece of paper).

See which team can make the most words using the letters given. Words must be at least two letters in length. Do as many rounds as you'd like drawing new letters each round.

Have a little 'candy reward' for the winning team.

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# Scattergories

Have each person draw a chart like the one below.

The leader chooses a word to be written across the top and four categories to be placed on the side.

The players are to fill in each square with a word that begins with the letter at the top of the column and falls into the category at the left.

There is a 5 minute limit on each round you play.

Award 5 points for each successful word.

	<b>M</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>R</b>
<b>CITY</b>	Memphis	Omaha	Trenton	Houston	EIPaso	Rice
<b>STATE</b>	Minnesota	Ohio	Tennessee	Hawaii	X	Rd Isl
<b>GIRLS NAME</b>	Molly	Opal	Tami	Holly	Esther	Ruth
<b>BOYS NAME</b>	Mike	Oscar	Tyler	Hank	Ethan	Rich

# *Simple Ice-breaker*

Give everyone a pencil and a copy of the “Investigative Inquiry Questions” (see below). Explain that in this icebreaker, everyone is to act like an investigative reporter trying to discover and remember specific facts about other group members. To do this, people will ask each other the questions on the handout and will try to remember what they uncover.

## Rules of the investigation.

- You have 15 minutes
- You may ask each person only one question or set of questions
- You may not take notes to help you remember what you uncover
- You must write your initials next to any question you answer

They should work quickly, asking and answering questions until everyone has asked someone else each question.

When time is up, have people take turns reporting one thing they learned through their investigations.

Make sure people tell who answered the question and what the answer was.

Continue reporting until everyone has reported everything he or she remembers.

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## *investigative inquiry questions:*

- What is your full name?
- Which of your names do you like best and why?
- Where were you born?
- How long has it been since you've been there?
- What is your favorite childhood memory?
- Do you have brothers or sisters?
- What is one place you've visited that you really enjoyed?
- Who has had the greatest positive influence on your life?
- Which of your accomplishments are you most proud of?
- What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?
- What is your favorite place to eat? Your favorite food?

# *Favorite Things*

What's the best excuse you've heard for not doing homework?

What do you like better, football or baseball?

What's the most beautiful things you've ever seen?

What's your best quality? What do you think is everyone else's best quality?

What sound or noise do you love? What sound or noise do you hate?

What is the best video game of all time?

What's the best age?

What the best ice cream flavor?

What's the best subject in school? The worst?

Do you prefer fruits or vegetables as a snack? Which are your favorites?

What's your favorite smell? Your least favorite smell?

What's your favorite word? Your least favorite word?

What is your favorite movie? Can you re-enact a scene from it?

Do you have a favorite stuffed animal? What's its name and how old is it?

What's your favorite dinosaur and why?

Who's you favorite cartoon character?

What was your favorite memory from a family vacation?

What is your favorite game to play with the family?

Is a coconut really a nut? What's your favorite type of nut?

What's your favorite dessert?

What was your favorite birthday and why?

What's your favorite room in the house and why?

What's your favorite book?

What's your favorite memory with your grandparents?

What's your favorite holiday and why?

What season do you like the most and why?

## **T.P. Talk**

Pass around a roll of toilet paper and tell everyone to tear off the appropriate amount they would need if they were to head out on a road-trip to go camping in the woods for a day.



Once the roll has made it all the way around, instruct them that you are changing the game up a bit.

Have them envision everyone sitting around the camp-fire.

Now instead of using the t.p. for its intended purpose – tell them that you want them to tell one thing about themselves for each square of toilet paper they tore off!

Go around the entire circle and enjoy getting to know each other at the "camp-fire".

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## *WHO ARE YOU?*

Fill a bowl with M&M's and pass it around the group.

Invite guests to take as much as they would like, but they cannot eat the candy until they are told to do so.

After everyone has received the candy, have each person take their turn telling something about themselves for each piece of candy in their hand.

## *OTHER GREAT GROUP GAMES*

*Taboo*

*Catch Phrase*

*Guessures*