



Responsibility Group Activity 3: Connect the Dots

Responsibility: Embracing opportunities to contribute

- **BE HELPFUL:** Understand & advance the group's positive goals.
- **BE CONSCIENTIOUS:** Be aware & careful of the choices you make.
- **BE ACCOUNTABLE:** Accept that your actions impact everyone around you.
- **BE PERSEVERING:** Work through difficulty & discouragement in pursuit of individual & team objectives.
- **BE RELIABLE:** Prove that others can depend on you.

Problem Solving: Responsibility

Summary: The group attempts to replicate a structure from an original model that only a few team members can communicate.

Time: 15 minutes total
Brief the group: 2 minutes
Exercise: 10 minutes
Reflection: 3 minutes

Directions:

- Before the activity begins create the original model using marshmallows, tooth picks, straws, and jelly beans.
- Provide enough building materials for each group with some extras.
- Hide the model across the room.
- Instruct the team to designate builders and communicators.
- The communicators will be able to go view the original and communicate to the builders, but cannot touch the replica.

Facilitator Notes:

- To make it tougher add a third party that can't see the model but are the ones that communicate to the builders. (Similar to the game Telephone.)

Processing the Ideas:

- Discuss the importance of responsibility: Embrace opportunities to contribute. How did this group do in demonstrating responsibility in fulfilling their role?
- How does this relate to a team setting? (Helpful, accountable, prioritize, stay positive, etc...)
- How will RESPONSIBILITY look on your team? Identify 3. Refer to Responsibility checklist.
- One team member writes and reports later.