

Enough for Everyone?

Objective

This activity builds on the *Food Distribution Around the World* exercise. In this game, students are encouraged to work together to share increasingly limited resources. This cooperation is designed to promote discussion about sharing and how people treat one another. This activity is appropriate for the younger participants as well.

Time: 15 minutes, but discussion may take longer

Supplies Needed: Chair, radio, music

Begin by playing traditional musical chairs. Form a circle of chairs, one less than the number of individuals participating. Begin the music, and have participants move around the chairs in a circle. Each time the music is stopped, the participant left standing is eliminated, and another chair is removed. When the game is finished, start the game over. This time, each time the music is stopped, only a chair is eliminated; all students continue to play. More and more people must find a way to sit on fewer and fewer chairs, until finally, everyone must sit on one chair. Once the commotion dies down, ask everyone to sit down, and think about how they acted toward one another in each of the games.

Discussion:

1. When were you trying to beat someone else?
2. When were you trying to work together?
3. How did you feel about the first game?
4. How did you feel about the second? How did it feel to have enough chairs, and then to slowly lose them until there wasn't enough room for everyone?
5. What would it be like if this was the amount of food you had to eat, instead of the number of chairs you had to sit on? How would this affect your life?