

Fruit Basket Mix-up

Activity Time: 5-10 minutes

Have students sit in chairs in a circle with one person standing in the middle. The idea is that there is one more person than chairs available. The person in the middle states his or her name and then the people in their chairs say hi and repeat his or her name. Then the person in the middle states the following phrase and fills in the blank, *"I like people who _____."* Everyone who fits that statement must stand up and find another chair. They may not sit in the chair to the right or left of their chair or their own chair. Whoever is the last person standing takes the place in the middle and starts the process over. It is important to have each person state his or her name and to have the staff respond so that everyone learns the names of the staff members quickly.

Each round should sound something like this:

"My name is Ashley."

"Hi Ashley."—staff

"I like people who have blue jeans on."

Author's comment:

This is the single best get-to-know-you game. It is quick and effective!

"If you have made mistakes, even serious ones, there is always another chance for you. What we call failure is not the falling down but the staying down." —Mary Pickford