

## **Ball-Toss Name Game**

Materials: Tennis ball or Koosh ball

Basics:

- Stand in a circle. Go around the circle and have each person introduce him/herself.
- After everyone has stated his/her name, call someone's name and toss the ball to that person.
- The recipient must then call someone else's name and toss the ball to that person.
- Repeat until everyone in the circle has been tossed the ball once.
- Instruct them to remember to whom they threw the ball.

Advanced:

- Have the group toss the ball around the circle in the original order again. Make sure people throw the ball to the same person they did the first time around, continuing to state that person's name.
- Add a second ball and third ball so more than one ball is being thrown at a time.
- Throw the ball in reverse order. Start with the last person and go backwards.
- Rearrange the circle. Have the students stand somewhere different in the circle, but continue to toss the ball in the same order.

Get to know your class:

This is a great way to see how your class interacts with one another. You will be able to pick out the leaders, the jokesters, the shyer students, etc.

- Ask your students how quickly they think they can do this. Tell them you have seen (or heard of) it done in one second.
- Provide them with the following rules: Everyone must touch the ball in the same order it has been thrown previously and only one person can touch the ball at a time (they can eliminate saying names at this point)
- They may or may not figure out how to do it in one second (it is possible though). Either way, facilitate discussion about the team interactions and any frustrations they may have had during the activity.