

International – Work and Play

COMMUNITY

me and my world



No maximum number
depending on adequate
supervision



10/15 minutes

Aim: To help boys understand how people in other countries work and play

The Weaver

Equipment:

- Large ball of wool

Everyone sits to form a circle facing inwards. People in turn then introduce themselves, giving their name. When everyone has done this, produce a large ball of wool, hold on to the end and throw the ball to someone on the other side of the circle and call their name. They catch the ball, hold on to the wool strand and calling the name of another throw the ball to them. This continues until everyone is holding at least one strand of wool and there is a great tangle between them.

As a small additional diversion the wool could be wound back into a ball afterwards.

This game shows how children in the BB world overseas use equipment from around the house because they cannot afford such things as footballs, etc.

High and Dry

Equipment:

- Chairs

The group stands on chairs arranged in a semi-circle. They are then told to arrange themselves in height order without talking, and without touching the floor.

This emphasises the way in which communication is difficult, but how the same goal can be reached.

To work or not to work

Ask the group to stand in a line, one behind the other, facing you.

If they believe the following examples of activity constitute work they need to go to the right, if not go to the left. If they can't decide, remain in the centre.

1. Playing football or tennis with friends.
2. Writing an essay at school.
3. Doing homework.
4. Playing football or tennis for money.
5. Tidying your bedroom.
6. Washing the dishes.
7. Cooking a meal for your family.
8. Cleaning the house.
9. Cleaning someone else's house.
10. Shopping for the family

Drawn into work

Equipment:

- Paper and pens

This game will introduce various forms of work. Divide the group into small teams, the leader is to be given the first word from the list below. On returning to the team, each person has to draw a picture to convey the specified word. No talking, no written words and no gestures.

- Paper round
- Baby sitting
- Shoe shining
- Shop assistant
- Fertilising crops
- Water fetching
- Football stitching
- Mining