

Getting Acquainted Card Game

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Instruct the group to divide into smaller groups of 5-8 people, and ask each group to choose a “dealer.”
2. Give each dealer 4 cards per person in the group, including themselves. For example, if there are 5 people in the small group, the dealer will distribute 20 cards. Instruct each dealer to shuffle the cards and deal the cards out to the group members, including themselves.
3. Explain to the participants that the object of the game is to get “four of a kind” (e.g. 4 kings, 4 spades, etc.).
4. The facilitator will say “Pass,” at which time each person passes a card to the person on his or her right. Another card is passed whenever the facilitator says “Pass.” When a participant gets four of a kind, they should say “four of a kind” and the passing stops.
5. The person who gets “four of a kind” then tells their group four things about themselves.
6. After this is done, do a few more rounds to give others a chance at “four of a kind.”

Tips for Discussion and Processing

This is a fun and fast game that allows people to share some things about themselves. It is a great activity to start at the beginning of a class or to use as an afternoon energizer. It can be done several times with a different mix of people.

Group Size: 11 to 25

Time Needed: 11 to 20 minutes

Goal: To get to know each other in a fun and nonthreatening way

Audience: Couples, Parents, Singles

Special Considerations: This activity offers participants the opportunity to say what they want about themselves; they can disclose either very simple information or deeper information.

This activity can also be tied to the topic of the group. For example, if it is a parenting group, instruct the participants to say something about parenting, either their own experiences or something in general about the subject of parenting.

Resources Needed:

- ✓ Playing cards (quantity sufficient for each participant to have 4 cards)