



TEAM EFFORTS: Explore the benefits of teamwork

Age Range: 3-5

Skills/Subjects

- Creative Thinking & Problem Solving
- Dramatic Play & Creative Movement
- Life Skills
- Social & Emotional Development

Materials

- blankets and chair
- masking tape
- small balls

Directions

Discuss teamwork with your children. Explore everyday tasks that might be made easier by working in pairs or as a team. Try these cooperative games.

1. **Scratch My Back:** In this game, children play bears. The bears have an itch (represented by a piece of masking tape) right in the center of their backs. Have children try to remove the masking tape by themselves. Then have them work with a partner to "scratch" the itch.
2. **Picnic Blanket:** Have children play rabbits having a lovely picnic at the seaside. When it's time to go home, everything needs to be packed up. Have the rabbits work alone and then in pairs to fold the picnic blankets.
3. **Ants in a Line:** Children pretend to be ants. The ants must move the pebbles (balls) blocking their anthill from one area of the room to another. First, have each child try to move all the balls in one trip. Then have children work together by lining up and passing the pebbles from ant to ant.



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