

# INTRODUCTION CIRCLE

## AN ACTIVITY TO HELP GROUP MEMBERS GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

This is just a simple activity to help members of any group to become more familiar with each other. It can be great for adult staff groups as well as youth groups.

### ***Format:***

1. Gather everyone into a circle, sitting, standing, in chairs, whatever you choose.
2. Explain to the group that you will start with one person and go around the circle clockwise or counter clockwise with each person saying their name, where they are from, something they like to do, and any other information you want to include. Just don't make it too much. Just the basics. Now here is the kicker! As each person gives their information, they have to also repeat the information that all the group members before them gave. That's right! So, if there were five people ahead of them, then after they tell about themselves, they have to tell about all five of those other people. You keep going around the circle until everyone has spoken.
3. You can stop when everyone has spoken, or you can keep going until everyone gets it down or becomes too frustrated to continue. It's up to you, but the idea is that the group members are forced to really pay attention to what the other people in the group are saying and not just what they are going to say about themselves. This creates an atmosphere that will hopefully cause the group members to get to know each other better. It's a fun way to introduce your group members to each other.