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Fortunately, Unfortunately

Tell a silly story together as a group

TIME
10 minutes

MATERIALS
None

TEAM STAGE
Forming

SUMMARY

In this word game, participants create a silly story comprised of good and bad news.

SET UP

- Have all participants stand up and form a large circle.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Go around the circle and have each participant take a turn adding a line to create a story.
- The first person will start the story with a sentence *(Once upon a time there were three little pigs…).*
- The second person will then continue the story by telling the group something fortunate that happens *(Fortunately for the pigs, they had each other to rely on…).*
- The third person will then add on to the story by telling the group something unfortunate that happens *(Unfortunately for the pigs, there was a hungry wolf who wanted to eat them…).*
- The fourth person will then add another fortunate event *(Fortunately, the pigs had a strong house…).*
- The game continues around the circle with each person contributing to the story and alternating between "fortunate" and "unfortunate" news until you get to the last person.

VARIATIONS

- For an added twist, give each participant a number and challenge them to use that many words in their sentence.

Large Group: To facilitate this activity for a large group, split the group in half (or thirds, etc.) and have the smaller groups sit in a circle. Each small group will create their own story.

Additional Small Group Option: To facilitate this activity for a small group, go around the circle more than once and continue adding to the story.

Online: To facilitate this activity virtually, use the chat to post a list of names so that participants know what order to add to the story. ***[click here for video]***

Asynchronous: Create a document and have each person's name written in as if it was a movie script, with the prompts, Fortunately and Unfortunately embedded to start each person's line. Assign participants a timeframe of when they need to add their line so that the story can still be told sequentially.

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