

BOOK LEARNING

Core Values Activity

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Materials:

Heavy, hardback book
Roll of masking tape
Stack of newspapers

Instructions to the team:

You have 5 minutes to build a structure out of newspaper and tape that will support this heavy, hardback book. (No, you may not tear out any pages or otherwise damage the book). When the structure is complete, 2 team members must be able to clasp hands underneath it, without touching either the structure or the book. You may test the structure during the 5-minute period.

Discussion:

Which was harder for the team: coming up with an idea for the structure, or completing construction in 5 minutes? If the team had 10 minutes, how would they change their strategy? What about 20 minutes?

There is no "right" answer

If all team members had a chance to contribute ideas that were received with respect, and the team was able to articulate a clear process that they expected would let them solve the challenge, then they reached the correct solution whether or not they untangled the loop, kept the ball in the air, or held up the book. Teamwork is a journey, not a destination.