

Making Partners

As a student, were you ever the last one chosen to be a part of a team? Were you ever afraid that you would be chosen last—that no one would want you and that you would be automatically given to a team because there were no other options?

In sports and activities one of the cruelest things that leaders can do is to let students choose who they want on their team. Someone will always be chosen last. Someone will always feel unwanted.

These are not the experiences that we want our students to have at church, so below is an easy way to create pair or partners:

Have your students spread out in the room. Tell them that when you call a number, you want them to get into groups of that number. So if you call out a three, you want them to get into groups of three. If you call out a five, you want them to get into groups of five. .Call out 4, 3, 8, 3, 7, 12, 5, 2. The only reason you're doing this is to get them in pairs in a manner where no one feels left out, so you'll want to end by getting them into groups of 2. If there is an extra student, then a team leader may need to participate as well.