

Module 1: Hide-n-Seek Discovery Centers - One for All-n-All for One

“One for All-n-All for One” is designed to be one of the five “Hide-n-Seek” Discovery Centers. It invites children, youth and adults to discover the dynamic and powerful affect individuals have upon an overall group, family or community. Participants will make a hanging mobile to visualize the potential benefits and responsibilities of living and growing in faith community.

Community I.D. and Discovery Cards may be utilized to engage participants in a version of Hide-n-Seek as they visit the Hide-n-Seek Discovery Centers. The cards include a word search exercise that may be completed as participants collect key words to find at each discovery center. The Check-in Center, a Come On In! Gathering Activity, provides a time to introduce and distribute these cards.

The Leader's Notes for this activity, along with any needed preparations and supplies are outlined below. A [Program Planning Grid](#) (PDF File) is available to assist you in coordinating the many details and/or tasks involved.

Approximate time: 10-15 minutes

Equipment and Supplies:

- Copies of [Jesus pattern for the hanging mobile](#) (PDF file)
- Copies of the [Heart pattern for the hanging mobile](#) (PDF file)
- Scissors
- Markers
- Tape and glue sticks
- 7-12" pieces of string
- Straws
- Paper punches
- Wire clothes hangers for each individual/family unit
- A copy of the [All for One info sheet](#) (PDF file)
- Copies of the “Love = ?!!” [reproducible sheet](#) (PDF file)
- A [Community I.D. and Discovery Card](#) (PDF file)
- [Key Words for Word Search & Answer Key](#) (PDF file)

Leader's Notes

Make a sample of the hanging mobile to use as a visual aid for your introduction to this activity and as an easy reference for individuals and families who will be making their own mobiles. Gear your mobile to identify the various age or stage groups represented in your church family rather than members of individual families. It will create a larger context for understanding the concepts addressed in this activity. Hang your mobile in a highly visible location near this discovery center.

Scan through the activity outline and adapt your plans to honor the time you have scheduled for your overall event. You may wish to recruit a few people to complete some of the initial steps involved in making the mobile. The Jesus pattern, the hands and the heart pieces could be separated from the pattern sheets and the string could be cut and prior to the event. These tasks are all prerequisite to assembling the mobile.

Provide ready access to the All for One info sheet and the “Love = ?!!” reproducible sheet for use when the occasion arises.

Basic Instructions:

- 1) Cut out the pattern of Jesus with outstretched arms. Detach the hands and attach them to the end of the arms of Jesus. Position the entire design on a hanger and secure it with tape.
- 2) Separate the large and small hearts from the pattern sheet. Center the large heart on the design, positioning the bottom of the heart so that it hangs a little lower than the outstretched arms of Jesus.
- 3) Choose the number of hearts needed and label them to represent the various groups represented in your church family, e.g. Grandmas, Grandpas, Moms, Dads, preschool children, elementary children, Jr. High Youth, Sr. High Youth, Young Adults. Individual families would choose hearts and label them to represent members of their immediate families.
- 4) Punch holes at least a half an inch from the lower edge of the hands and the big heart. Tie strings through the holes and hang a heart on each open string.

****** For families of four or more: Attach a straw to the open string, instead of a heart. Then, run an additional piece of string through the straw and hang a heart from each end.

Be sure to have the children, youth and adults to work together to accomplish the various steps involved in this activity. Encourage families to hang the mobile in a highly visible location to remind them to honor the roles, responsibilities and expectations of each member of an individual family.

Activity:

This project involves assembling a mobile hanging to visualize the dynamic and powerful affect an individual has upon an entire group, family or community. Recognize the man with outstretched arms as Jesus. Point out that his hands are holding all the children, youth and adults in your congregation or church family, just as we believe that "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." Take a moment to identify the age/stage groups represented on the hanging hearts.

Display the All for One info sheet as you read Ephesians 4:14-16. Note that Jesus is identified as the head — at the top of the mobile — and all the hearts are designed to create a balanced community. Then, show them what happens when one heart moves and sends a sudden jolt through the rest of the mobile. Ask participants to describe some actual situations or events that can cause the same kind of affect on individual or church families. Encourage them to share both positive and negative situations in a home, e.g. someone has a birthday or someone who throws a tantrum or a congregation, e.g. people who voice strong feelings about something or someone who has a wedding and invites everyone.

Introduce the fact that God has an expectation of people who are living and growing in faith community. In Thessalonians 5: 11, Paul urges people to "encourage one another and build each other up!" In 1John 4:19, John reminds us, "We love because God first loved us."

Display the "Love = ?!" sheet as you consider what it means to love someone. Scan through the acronym together and encourage participants to give examples of each definition. You might also refer to the Ten Commandments as a very practical list of healthy and loving "stops and starts."

Write the word "responsibility" on a piece of newsprint or poster board. Point out that this word actually refers to our response to a specific God-given ability. Give an example of what this might mean, e.g. when we acquire the ability to walk - we are responsible for carrying ourselves around.

Invite individuals and families to make an All for One Mobile Hanging with hearts for each member of their immediate families. Encourage them to hang it in a highly visible place to remind them of the power and responsibility of individual choice, attitude and behavior.

Identify the Key Words for the participants to find on their Hide-n-Seek Word Search. The key words for this center are... Love

Responsibility

Please refer to the Key Word sheet & Answer Key as you respond to participants who request assistance in completing the word search on their Community I.D. and Discovery Cards.