



MULTI-COLORED CANDY ACTIVITY

This exercise is a fun and rewarding opportunity for participants to discuss and learn about life skills and become familiar with the Rubik's Cube and how it works. Any multicolored candy can be used. Individually wrapped candies are recommended.



Here's how it works:

Each piece of candy represents a cube color.
Provide each child with a colored candy piece.
Divide the group into two groups.
Each group lines-up on either side of the room facing each other.



Draw a sequence of colors representing each colored piece of candy on the board (or on something the entire group can see). You can simply draw a square with the letter in the square representing the color of the candy.

After creating the sequence with the exact number and colors of distributed colored candy pieces, tell the children they have a certain amount of time (1-2 minutes or more) to create the sequence that's on the board. This means the two groups will come together to create the sequence in one whole line representing the sequence.

The sequence of colors can be a repeated based on the colors of candy distributed. For instance, it can be **RED, GREEN, ORANGE, BLUE, RED, GREEN, ORANGE, BLUE.**

When the children are finished lining up at the predetermined time, ask them to hold their colored piece of candy out so the leader can walk along the line and see if the sequence was accomplished.

If the sequence is accomplished: they can have the colored candy as a reward. The discussion can take place about the many skills that were necessary for them to arrive in the correct sequence - negotiation, conflict resolution, collaboration, mediation, sharing, cooperation, leadership, sacrifice, selflessness, patience, analysis, focus, concentration or other identifiable tangible skills.

If the sequence isn't accomplished: a discussion identifying why it wasn't accomplished is just as valuable - selfishness, lack of communication, arguing, stubbornness, ego, and other obstacles that prevented a successful sequence.

This is also an activity that illustrates how the Rubik's Cube eventually gets solved. The different pieces have to be moved out of the way, at times, to let the others be moved into their correct positions. There are certain principles that have to be adhered to in order to have success!