

# We are Unique

This is a great, no-prep meeting that works great for get-to-know-you group. I like to use this for one of the 1<sup>st</sup> youth groups of the year.

**Supplies:** You will need 1 paper cup for every 2 students and a large blanket (Queen or King size)

**Prayer:** Gracious God, Thank You for making us each unique and special. Sometimes it is hard for us to accept and understand those who are different from us. Please help us to be open to loving all of our brothers and sisters whom You have made in Your image and likeness. Help us to seek understanding and common ground with those whom we disagree so we may continue to love one another as You love us. Amen.

**Announcements:** (Announce any upcoming youth group activities or other events you want the group to know)

**We are Unique!:** Line up along the gym edge shortest to tallest. The shortest person will start first by telling everyone their name and grade. Then something unique they have done that they do not think anyone else has done. If someone else in the group has done that unique thing, the original student sits down where he/she is at. The last person standing wins! You can play this more than one round if you have more time.

**Head, Shoulders, Knees and Cups!:** While still in a row by height, every other student should take 3 steps out and turn around to face the person across from them. You should have 2 equal rows. If not, have an adult step in. One adult will be the announcer and will place a cup between each group of 2 facing each other. The adult will announce "Head", "Shoulders", "Knees", or "Cup". The students will have to touch their Head, shoulders, or knees when announced. When "Cup" is announced, the students try to be the first to grab the cup. Only one student per group of 2 will get the cup. The ones who do not get the cup sit down on the other side of the room and each winner will find another opponent. Take one cup away from each group of 2, so they only have one cup. This continues until one student is left. The rest of the group should be rooting for their friends and classmates while the game continues.

**Guess who?!:** Break into 2 groups. It would help to mix up the grades and genders. The groups should be facing each other. Adults will hold up a blanket between the 2 groups. Each group will elect one team member to come close to the blanket. The adults will then count to 3 and lower the blanket quickly. The team members who are close to the blanket should then be face to face. They will call out the other person's name quickly. The first one to call out the correct name of their opponent gives their team a point. This continues until each team member has had a chance to step up to the blanket. You could play a variation (ex. 2 from each team step up at a time) if you have more time.