The Dot Game

Leadership Activity
Club members can have fun, get to know each other—and at the same time, engage in one of Builders Club’s core values. In fact, the “dot game” helps members focus on the key aspects of leadership: listening, communicating, serving and guiding others. And all you need are some colored stickers!

Supplies needed:
Round color stickers (such as the ones used at garage sales): 4 or 5 colors

Instructions:
Depending on your club size, choose 4 or 5 color stickers, and use 4 or 5 dots of each color. Instruct all the members to close their eyes. (No peeking!) Then place a colored sticker on each member’s forehead. The objective: find your “dot group” (i.e., the members who have the same color dot on their heads) without talking. Once the entire club has assembled into their dot groups, have the club officers lead a discussion on how the club worked together to achieve this goal.

Reflection questions:
• How were we able to communicate without talking?
• How important was it to pay attention to everyone in the group and not just one person?
• What strategies worked? What strategies did not work?
• How can we take what we learned from this activity to help achieve club goals?

How to encourage students to lead the activity:
If this activity is done at the beginning of the school year, you could ask a returning Builders Club member to lead the activity. (Feel free to give him/her this handout.) Before he or she leads the activity, you may want to discuss these items:
• Where will you do the activity? Is there enough room to move around? Are modifications needed?
• Does the student feel comfortable giving the instructions? If necessary, have the student practice giving the instructions to you.
• Prepare the student to ask the reflection questions. Again, the student can practice by asking you the questions.
• Can someone take pictures to include in the club’s scrapbook?