

What If...

This activity will allow members to:

- Solve problems by asking big questions.
- Empower the club through collaboration and creative and strategic thinking.
- Use personal observations and reflections to pose an idea.

Materials needed:

- White board or flip-chart paper
- Markers

How to lead this activity:

It's brainstorming time! Middle school students are awesome at asking big questions and looking at everyday issues from a unique perspective. Now members can write down those big ideas and think about how your Builders Club might find solutions.

1. Prior to the club meeting, officers and advisors should choose a few "what if" questions to help the club start to brainstorm. For example:
 - a. What if every person received a hug each day?
 - b. What if every student had access to breakfast each morning?
 - c. What if no one sat alone at lunch?

Those are just a few ideas. Encourage everyone to think up some of their own!

2. During the club meeting, officers should share their "what if" questions first. The club secretary should write the questions on a white board or flip chart where everyone can see them.
3. Ask all members to contribute "what if" questions and write each one on the board or flip chart.



4. Officers should review each question and ask the club to assign each one to a service category. Post these categories so members can see their options:
 - a. Education and literacy
 - b. Animal care
 - c. Hunger
 - d. Bully prevention
 - e. Environment
 - f. Elder care
 - g. Health and wellness
 - h. Veterans and military
 - i. Disaster relief
 - j. Housing and homelessness
 - k. Domestic violence
 - l. Equal rights
 - m. Families in need
 - n. Other
5. Count the number of questions in each category to get an idea of the most pressing service needs the members can think of in the school and the community.