

## Find Your Family:

**Materials:** Cards with family names (18 families X 5 members = 90 cards)

**Family Names:** Smith, Jones, Baker, Green, Taylor, Snyder, Lancaster, Jefferson, Washington, Lincoln, Brooks, Bigelow, Moody, Forest, Fox, Hanks, West, Brown - Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, and Baby for each family

### **Process:**

- As students enter the room please pass out your cards in the order they are in (not randomized- this way we have as many “full” families as possible)
- As students enter and you are passing out the cards ask students to introduce themselves to as many new people as they can. Every time they introduce themselves have the students exchange “Family Cards.” (this is how we get them mixed)
- Once everyone is in the room & has a card - give the last few students in the room a few minutes to intro themselves
- Once the introducing has slowed - “smile, shake, and share” - At this point have the students put their Family name card in the back of their name badge
- Next the students will “find your family”. The students will move around the room using “smile, shake, & share every time they meet someone new in an effort to find their family
- Once all 5 (Father, mother, brother, sister, & baby) family members have been found have them sit in a circle - If a family is short a member or two that is ok
- Once all the families are sitting have them intro (name, school, where that is, grade, size of school, their role in school, why they are here etc...) to one another in their family
- If you want share share with them “SOFTEN” S-Smile/serious, O-Open Posture, Forward lean, T- Time to finish their thought, E- Eye contact, N- Nodding
- Family conversation time - take turns sharing within their family (about 5 min./use your judgement)
- Conversation topics-
  - Best thing about your school - where you are from
  - One thing you would like to change at your school - or your school’s biggest challenge
  - A leader you admire and why
  - Favorite projects or events at your school
  - One thing you would like to accomplish this year (personal or school)
  - Most unique club, activity, tradition and or event at your school
- After original family conversation have family members mix and once they have constructed their “new family” (see options below) have them sit again, intro, and give them a new conversation topic
- Family mixing options -
  - Families of all Dads, moms, brothers, sisters, babies (all different family surnames)
  - Mixed family (father, mother, brother, sister, baby of all different surnames)
  - Eventually get back to original family
- Options:
  - Family photo (with Lead #)
  - Family reunions