Character Connection Challenge

Equipment

* Whatever nature provides for the team to build with
* Character-education focus word obtained from the teacher

Starting Position

Each team is grouped together, waiting to select a word from the teacher.

The Challenge

After a team has selected its word, the team members select the items from nature (e.g., grass, leaves, sticks, rocks, hay, sand) that they will use to make the word. One team member, chosen by the team, serves as the builder and directs or assists the other team members in creating the word. Only the builder may speak. The builder is not part of the word but does notify the teacher when the word is completed.

Rules

* One team member should be selected by the team to draw the word out of the bag. The team should all agree as to who is selected.
* Only the builder may speak; all other team members must remain silent while building the word.
* A team’s word may not be built using only the team members’ bodies; it must also contain at least two different items from nature.
* The builder may not touch any teammate.
* The builder calls the teacher over when the word is done. If the teacher understands the word, then the team has completed the challenge. If not, the group can try to make it more readable, but the teacher will not return to the group until five minutes have passed.
* If any rule is broken, the group must sit and wait for five minutes before starting construction again.

Completion of the Task

The task is complete when the constructed word incorporates all team members and at least two items from nature *and* the teacher can read it.