Responsibility Group Activity 3: Connect the Dots

Responsibility: Embracing opportunities to contribute

- **BE HELPFUL**: Understand & advance the group’s positive goals.
- **BE CONSCIENTIOUS**: Be aware & careful of the choices you make.
- **BE ACCOUNTABLE**: Accept that your actions impact everyone around you.
- **BE PERSEVERING**: Work through difficulty & discouragement in pursuit of individual & team objectives.
- **BE RELIABLE**: Prove that others can depend on you.

Problem Solving: Responsibility

**Summary**: The group attempts to replicate a structure from an original model that only a few team members can communicate.

**Time**: 15 minutes total
- Brief the group: 2 minutes
- Exercise: 10 minutes
- Reflection: 3 minutes

**Directions**:
- Before the activity begins create the original model using marshmallows, toothpicks, straws, and jelly beans.
- Provide enough building materials for each group with some extras.
- Hide the model across the room.
- Instruct the team to designate builders and communicators.
- The communicators will be able to go view the original and communicate to the builders, but cannot touch the replica.

**Facilitator Notes**:
- To make it tougher add a third party that can’t see the model but are the ones that communicate to the builders. (Similar to the game Telephone.)

**Processing the Ideas**:
- Discuss the importance of responsibility: Embrace opportunities to contribute. How did this group do in demonstrating responsibility in fulfilling their role?
- How does this relate to a team setting? (Helpful, accountable, prioritize, stay positive, etc…)
- One team member writes and reports later.