Lesson 19

Area: Take Responsibility

Title: Make It Work II

Objective: Students will recognize the importance of their responsibility as it relates to teamwork.

Materials: None.

Activity:
1. Remind students of the “machine” activity from the previous lesson. Ask groups to reform, making adjustments for absences and such. Give students 5 minutes to practice and prepare for the class performance.

2. Call up one group at a time to demonstrate how their machine works. With each machine, allow 30-60 seconds for the class to observe. Then, stop the group and ask the following questions:
   - What did this machine do?
   - Does it appear that one part of the machine is the most important?

3. Before each group returns to their seats, ask for a second performance, with modifications to the machine. Make the following modifications as you see fit:
   - Remove one member of the group, but require that the machine do the same thing as before.
   - Add a volunteer from the class. The machine must continue as before.
   - Speed up the pace, increase production.
   - Interchange two or more group members. Have them “share” a responsibility, switch spots, etc.

4. Ask the following questions of the group and class:
   - Was it difficult to make changes?
   - What was hard about this? What was easy?
   - Would more time to practice have helped?
   - What made this effort successful or unsuccessful?
   - Does responsibility have anything to do with group’s success?

Closure: Have students reflect in journals on the following questions:
1. What does this help you to understand about teamwork and responsibility?
2. Any other insights or reactions about what made this difficult, fun, et cetera?