

Lesson 30



Area: Be Agreeable

Title: **48 Hours**

Objective: Students will reach a consensus on a specific topic or criteria through discussion.

Materials: Paper
Writing utensil

- Activity:**
1. Divide the class into four equal groups.
 2. Each group has five minutes to determine five movies they would agree to watch together if they were stuck together for 48 hours with nothing but a TV and VCR/DVD.
 3. All group members must agree that they would watch each movie.
 4. After five minutes, see which groups have reached consensus.
 5. Combine two groups and have them compare their lists, making any changes necessary to determine one list of five movies for this larger group. Again, every student must agree with each movie.

Closure: After both groups have determined their list or worked for five minutes, stop and discuss the following questions:

1. “Was it difficult to reach consensus? In small group? In large group?”
2. “What strategies did you use in reaching consensus?”
3. “What got in the way of reaching consensus?”
4. “Were people willing to compromise? How did they compromise?”
5. “Was there a group leader? Did this person help or hinder progress?”