

Challenge: Wrap a gift box.

Time: You will have 5 minutes to use your **IMAGINATION** to wrap a holiday gift using the materials provided. At the end of the 5 minutes, your team will present the gift box in a 2 minute humorous performance.

Set-up: On the table, there is a cardboard box, white wrapping paper, colored markers, tape and scissors.

Procedure:

PART ONE

You are to wrap and decorate the box provided with the materials provided. But wait! That is not all. Each team member must choose one of your own hands to place behind your back for the entire 5 minutes. Once a hand is placed behind your back, it may not be removed for the 5 minute period. During part one you will also plan your humorous performance for part two.

PART TWO

You will now all switch hands. If you had your left hand behind you, now you will place your right hand behind you or vice versa. In addition, each of you will then choose to either close both eyes for the 2 minute performance, or close your mouth. Whichever you choose, you must remain that way for the performance. You will have 2 minutes to present your humorous performance to the appraisers.

Materials that may not be altered:

- 1 cardboard box
- Colored markers
- 2 pair of scissors

Materials that may be altered:

- Wrapping paper
- tape

Scoring: You will receive

- A. Up to 40 points for the creativity of your gift-wrapping.
- B. Up to 40 points for the creativity of your performance.
- C. Up to 20 points for how well your team works together.

“Holiday Gift Giving” notes

Team Managers:

Have them try this challenge again. Have them choose a partner, Have them place their arm on their partner’s shoulder so they must work side by side.

If there is an odd person (on my teams they are all odd! ☺) That person can simply place one hand behind their back. In addition for extra fun, you may have that person turn around 360 degrees in either direction every 15 seconds just for added fun and difficulty.

If you don’t have any white paper for gift wrap, you can have them use the inside of a low cost wrapping paper, or even tape together some newspaper.

Challenge: THE GINGERBREAD MAN

“Run, run, run as fast as you can! You can’t catch me, I’m the Gingerbread Man!”

The story of the Gingerbread Man is very sad. Everyone wanted to devour him, beginning with the old woman who baked him and everyone else he met as he ran away. The Gingerbread Man planned to escape his pursuers by crossing the river, but he couldn’t wade or swim across the water because he would get soggy and fall apart. A sly fox offered to carry the cookie across on his back, but that was just an excuse for turning the Gingerbread Man into a little snack. It is really too bad your team wasn’t there to help the poor little guy out! Can you create a clever way for the Gingerbread Man to cross the water to safety on the other side?

Set-Up: On the floor, tape two parallel lines eight feet apart to mark the “banks of the river”.

Challenge: Create a technical device to get one of your team members across the river without getting his or her feet wet.

Time: Part One: You will have 4 minutes to construct a technical device that will get at least one of your team across the taped span without placing a foot in the river. There will be extra points for getting the rest of the team safely across.

Part Two: You will have 1 minute to get as many people as possible successfully from one river bank to the other without getting wet.

Materials: one potato
three file cards
six feet of string
twelve paper clips

Scoring: up to 25 points for innovative use of materials
30 points for the first team member who successfully crosses the river
20 points if the rest of the team also safely reaches the other bank
up to 25 points for positive team work