**The Telephone Game**

**ACTIVITY 1 – Gossip/Rumors Lesson**

**DIRECTIONS:** This is the old-fashioned game everyone seemed to play as kids. One person whispers a message to another (maybe the facilitator begins), that person passes it on to the next and so on, until the message gets around the room. The last person then repeats the message as he/she heard it and the first person verifies whether it’s correct or not.

The group then discusses how information can change when it passes from person to person.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Did everyone hear the same message?
2. How did the message change?
3. Did you ask the person to repeat it?
4. Did you change any of the words you couldn’t hear?
5. Did you add any information to the message?

LESSON SUMMARY: Point out again how information changes from person to person and how the same thing can happen with gossip/rumors. That’s why it’s not the best idea to pass these along.