

## 75. Paving the way through the unknown as a team and encouraging each other

Finding your way as a team through a playing field where you don't even know the way!  
Encourage each other and make decisions.

### Materials

- Masking tape to cover the playing field (can also be drawn in sand) - playing field should be approx. 7 x 21 squares.
- Game board with the path drawn on it
- Slips of paper with terms that have to be mimed

### Educational aim

To promote team spirit by giving compliments.

To acknowledge that others know something too.

### Biblical interpretation

#### Psalm 23:4

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

### Procedure

- Appoint a game master
- Show the game plan to the players for 10 seconds.
- First player sets off. Actions according to the rules.
- Game is finished when the goal is reached.
- Reflect on the game and the behavior of the participants

## Rules

- After the game master has been chosen, he shows the players the game board for 10 seconds.
- The aim is to get from Alpha to Omega on the board.
- Any player starts and tries to find their way from memory.
- The directions are horizontal or vertical.
- You can run until you have run the wrong way once.
- If you enter a wrong square, you have to mime something and the group has 30 seconds to guess it.

This is where the game is decided:

**Guess** - You can continue on the field, the player must be replaced.

**Not guess** ing - The player who went wrong is punished (gets a blindfold, legs tied together, only backwards, one-legged etc...). Of course, it can get to the point where you get several penalties).

- There are also special fields on the playing field:

**Encouragement field (E)** - The player tells someone in the group what he appreciates about them.

**Waves field (W)** - The group makes a wave for the player.

**Joker field (J)** - Penalty is canceled or 1 field is revealed.

## Safety note

Nothing special

## Reflection questions

- Was there a decision situation where you knew exactly what would have been right but nobody listened to you?  
Why did that happen?
- Do you listen to each other in the team or are there people who are not trusted to know something?
- Do you encourage each other in the team when you're having a bad time and can't see the way because of all the problems?

## Pictures



## **Source reference**

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