

ACTIVITIES & DISCUSSION GUIDE

2. THE TAG GAME

- Objective** Participants will learn how in-group biases can form and discuss why diversity is important.
- Age Group** adaptable for all age groups
- Materials Needed**
- Paper badges in a variety of colors cut into a variety of shapes such as squares, triangles, circles, stars, diamonds, etc.
 - Tape or pins to stick the badges on clothing
- Instructions** In this exercise, participants will stick badges in various shapes, colors, and sizes somewhere visibly on the front of their bodies. Participants should then form groups without talking to one another. There are no criteria for what kind of groups should be created. Once assembled, the participants should now break up and form new groups. This should be repeated at least four times.
- Note for Facilitators** Participants usually form groups based on shapes, colors, or sizes. Rarely do the participants look beyond the badges, and even less rarely do they intentionally form diverse groups in which many shapes, colors, and sizes are represented.



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Discussion

- How was your experience? What kind of badges did people in your group have?
- Did you notice a pattern in the type of group you formed?
- What is in-group or affinity bias?
- How can in-group bias lead to an “us vs. them” mentality? Contrast that to what Allah says in the Quran “O humanity! Indeed, We created you from a male and a female and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may (get to) know one another. Surely the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous among you. Allah is truly All-Knowing, All-Aware [49:13].”
- Why is diversity important, and how can diverse groups be more beneficial for us?
- How can we accommodate our centers and mosques for Muslims of diverse backgrounds?

