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**GRADE LEVEL:** 5 - 6

**GUIDING PRINCIPLE:** Clear and Effective Communicator

**ACTIVITY:** Blindfold Polygon

**OBJECTIVE(S) ACCORDING TO CRITERIA:** Students will demonstrate and use the 9 Guidelines to Good Communication

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**

- 1) Rope
- 2) Blindfolds (optional)

**TIME NEEDED:** 30 minutes

**SET UP:**

- 1) With their eyes closed (or blindfolded), the group is asked to form a geometric shape using the rope to establish the boundaries.
- 2) No one may take their hands off the rope.
- 3) When the group decides they have formed the shape correctly, they may then open their eyes.

**PROCESSING QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Which communication guideline were you unable to use?
- 2) How did that make this task more difficult?
- 3) What did the group need to do to make up for the lack of eye contact?
- 4) How does this relate to real life?

**COMMENTS:**

- 1) Ask the group to form a number of shapes: square, triangle, parallelogram.
- 2) Try asking the group to form a familiar, non-geometric shape.

