

Gottcha

Fun for everyone and all abilities. Play inside or out.
See the modifier for playing with neighbors.

Equipment Needed: rope or tape for making a large 'X' and a blindfold

How to play:

Divide the playing area into 4 equal spaces with 2 ropes making an "X" or draw a line in the ground.

One player is selected to be in the center blindfolded or eyes closed. The leader and the center player clap loudly and count to 10 and say, "Freeeeeeeze!"

While the clapping and counting is happening, all the players are moving from area to area and on 'Freeze', they stop where they are and the center player will point to one area. If you are in that area, she's 'gottcha' and you are out.

You can come out to the center and help clap and count. This continues until there is only one player left. When there are only a few players left, allow them to use only 2 selected areas. This will quicken the game.

Modifier:

No rope or tape, designate four areas that the participants have to get to during the count. When playing in the house, choose four areas such as the kitchen, bathroom, hallway, dining room, bathroom, etc. Get creative. If in one large room like a living/family room, choose four pieces of furniture that they participants have to be touching.

Alternative to being 'out': Participants caught in the chosen area, instead of being out, have them perform some type of physical action such as the chicken dance, hokey pokey, sit-ups, jumping jacks, etc... and then the game continues.

Played outside: designate four areas of the yard that participants have to get to.

Playing with neighbors: In each of their own yards, have the neighbors designate four areas and number them 1-4, but still follow the directions called out by the blindfolded center player. The center player will now call out a number. Those in that number area will be out.