

# Mouse Trap

Grades K-3

## BENEFIT

Attentive-listening skills

## LOCATION

Grass, multipurpose room

## EQUIPMENT

20 beanbags

## Tip

Remind students to enter and leave the trap cautiously. Look out for other mice!

- 1** Put the beanbags on the ground in a large pile. Have your students hold hands in a circle around the beanbags. The beanbags are pieces of cheese. The students surrounding the cheese form a mouse trap. Select three students to be mice. The mice get down on their hands and knees outside the mouse trap.
- 2** When you call “trap open,” the students raise their hands, opening the trap. When you call “trap closed,” the students lower their hands, closing the trap. The mice should cautiously enter the trap when it’s open and remove one piece of cheese at a time. Each mouse makes its own pile of cheese outside the circle.
- 3** Any mice inside the trap when you call “Trap closed” are caught; they must return their cheese to the pile inside the trap and rejoin the circle. Select new mice to replace the mice who got caught. If all the cheese is removed from the trap, start a new round with new mice.

When the trap is open (A), the mice crawl into the circle and try to remove pieces of cheese (beanbags). When the trap is closed (B), any mice caught in the middle of the circle must return their cheese.

