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◆ WE ARE ALL PEOPLE OF THIS EARTH

The Stick Game was a gambling game. Typically played with older men, sometimes families would rival other families in a noncompetitive manner.

- ✿ The game involves four sticks; two decorated and two not. The teams of men, or families, would sit opposite each other and one person on each side would hold one set of sticks behind their back; one hand concealing the decorated stick, the other the plain stick.
- ✿ The object of the game was for the opposing team to guess which hand was concealing the decorated stick.
- ✿ Teams would bang their hands and objects together, and sing loudly as a distraction to the opposing team, upsetting their concentration.

The students should break into groups of three (or more). Each group gets two sticks, one decorated one not. Explain to the students that this is a modified version of the game, but that they are welcome to go home and play a larger and longer game with their family and friends. Have the students decide who will be concealing the sticks first... then let everyone get at least one chance to conceal the sticks.

An extra activity tied to this would be for students to collect their own sticks and decorate them. This would give students their own set to bring home and play with!

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