**“Survival” game (Takes about 7-10 minutes)**

* + Transactions are largely done by barter, or trade, since most people do not have much money. People bartered goods, labor, transportation…whatever they had to trade. We are going to play a game to see how good you would have been @ bartering. It will mean your very survival.
  + Pass out **3-5** cards to each students (have other adults help) as they go into other room. As much as possible, I give multiple of the same cards. (May want to shuffle)
  + Read the sign that has the list of different cards in the game
  + Tell the students to think about what cards are the most critical to survive. Be aware, some “needs” are rare and others are plentiful. They have 2 minutes to trade. (I use this time to go in the other room and set up for next class – arrange signs, put traded items back, etc.)
  + Send everyone to one end of the room.
    - When we first arrived, what was the first thing we needed to do? Find water. If you have water, you brought it unnecessarily. Water is a plentiful natural resource in the area. So you didn’t need to bring it.
    - After you found water, the next step would be would be to find firewood. If you have either fuel or wood, you brought it unnecessarily. Wood is a plentiful natural resource in the area. So you didn’t need to bring it.
    - So first found water, then firewood. Next you would clear the land & plant your crops. If you have wheat or seeds, you are okay. If you do not, move to the other part of the room. Those that move, do any of you have horses? Then you had to return back East to survive. (send them to one corner of the room) The rest of you can go over there, you died of hunger after your food ran out.
    - After you plant your crops, you start thinking about winter, which is coming. You need to stay warm. So you make logs and build a house. If you have tools to build a house, you are okay. If you do not, move to the other part of the room. Those that move, do any of you have horses? Then you had to return back East to survive. (send them to one corner of the room) Do any of the rest of you have a doctors card? If so, you almost died of pneumonia, but the doctor cured you. So your okay. The rest of you can go over there, you died of pneumonia.
    - Those still standing = you survived. If you sat down briefly, it was a struggle, but you survived. If you did not sit down at all, then you thrived on the new frontier.

\*\*\* Note: cows, chickens, clothes have no value,