

# BIGGER PICTURE

Sometimes, when we focus too much on small details, we miss the bigger picture. This activity explores how changing our perspective helps us make better decisions, understand others, and see the bigger picture.



**CONVERSATION STARTER:** Imagine aliens looking at Earth through a telescope and seeing only a parking lot—what would they think we do all day?

## ACTIVITY - OUT OF FOCUS

### FACILITATION TIPS

Encourage participants to explain their reasoning when they make a guess. This helps them recognize how their assumptions are formed and allows for deeper discussions on how perspective influences our understanding of the world.

- We often make judgments before we have all the facts. Taking a step back helps us see the bigger picture and make better decisions.

- Show a zoomed-in image. Ask: What do you think this is?
- Collect participant guesses. Encourage discussion on why they think that.
- Gradually zoom out. After each stage, ask: Does your guess change? Why?
- Reveal the full image. Discuss:
  - Why was it difficult to identify at first?
  - What influenced your guesses?
- Repeat with two or three more images.
- Wrap up by connecting this to real-life situations.

### KEY OBJECTIVES

- Identify how perspective influences understanding and decision-making.
- Strengthen critical thinking skills by analyzing images and real-life situations from multiple angles.

## REFLECTION



- How did your guesses change as more of the image was revealed?
- What does this teach us about making assumptions?
- Can you think of a time when you judged someone too quickly? What happened when you learned more?
- Did hearing others' guesses influence your own? Why do we sometimes go along with what others think?

### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Laptop and projector (or print the PowerPoint)
- PowerPoint slides with zoomed-in and zoomed-out images (Place link to website here)
- Extension cord (if needed)

# APPLICATIONS

- How can looking at problems from different angles help us find better solutions?
- How does social media influence our perceptions? How can we make sure we see the full picture?
- How can stepping back and gathering more information lead to better decisions?
- How do personal experiences and emotions shape the way we see situations? Can you think of a time when your perspective changed after hearing someone else's story?

## CHECK UNDERSTANDING

Did the discussion and reflection questions help participants connect this idea to real-life situations?

**KEY TAKEAWAY:** Just like with these images, our perspective on people, situations, and challenges shifts when we step back and gather more information. The more we learn, the clearer the full picture becomes.

