

TIP:

Consider dividing up the coins and giving them as prizes to each player after the game.

Wolf? Sheep?

Also known as Triangle Tag, this is one of the few small group tag games that's truly fun. I've whirled around enjoying it far longer than a grown man should.

**PLAYERS:**

4 is ideal, though the game can be played with 3 or 5.

THE OBJECT:

For the Wolf to tag the Sheep.

HOW TO PLAY:

Choose a Wolf, a Sheep and two Sheepdogs. The Sheep joins hands with the Sheepdogs, forming a three-person triangle. The Wolf, standing outside the group, tries to tag the Sheep, while the Sheepdogs (without breaking their circle of hands) spin around, trying to keep the Wolf at bay. When the Wolf tags the Sheep (easier said than done), the players change roles and give it another whirl.

Considering all the backyard games kids have played over the centuries, you'd think we'd never be at a loss for something fun to play. But standing there in the twilight with a group of kids milling about, it's all too easy to forget the many great options we have. Here's a quick reminder:

- Simon Says
- Duck, Duck, Goose