

Loyalty!

From Dojo Lesson 7

LEADERSHIP TRAIT- LOYALTY

Great leaders understand the importance of priorities and they will be loyal to those priorities.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that we should be loyal by honoring our commitments.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Jonathan and the armor bearer. (1 Samuel 14)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: LOVING LOYALTY

Loyalty is sticking by your friends in good times and bad. Tell your child about a person you are loyal to, then tell why you are loyal to that person. What are some ways that you show loyalty to that person? Help your child think of a friend who is important to them. Then, make a list with your child of the different ways they can be loyal to that friend. An example would be to stick up for your friend when someone says something mean about her, or to stay with your friend after school and help her with a project even though you would rather be out playing. Post the list where your child can see it and encourage them to think of more ways they can be loyal to their friends. Throughout the week add to the list and continue to encourage your child to be a friend who is loyal.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need." Proverbs 17:17 (NLT)

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Main Point: Loyalty - I will be faithful to the people and things I have made commitments to!

Materials Needed:

- A Bible
- The Leadership Video - *Loyalty*
(File name: Elevate_LOYALTY_Dojo_L7_Loyalty.mp4)
- A pen or pencil

Read the Leadership Story about Jonathan and the armor bearer in 1 Samuel 14:1-15. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. In the Leadership Video, what did Pastor Mike say the word loyalty meant?
2. The Leadership Story is about two men who were loyal, who are they?
3. At the beginning of the Leadership Story, we find the Israelites in a battle with the Philistines. Who had the bigger army?
4. The Israelites were not in good shape to fight. What were the two reasons that the Israelites were not so lucky in the battle?
5. Jonathan, the king's son, wanted to go on a special mission with his armor bearer. What is an armor bearer?
6. What was the special mission Jonathan wanted to go on?
7. What did Jonathan's armor bearer say when Jonathan asked him to go to the Philistine camp?

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8. Jonathan then told his armor bearer the plan of what they were going to do when they reached the Philistine camp. When they were climbing the cliff, if the Philistines told them to stop, what would they do?
9. If the Philistines told them to fight, what would they do?
10. As Jonathan and his armor bearer made their way up the cliff, what did the Philistines tell them to do?
11. So Jonathan and his armor bearer fought the Philistines and defeated twenty of the Philistine soldiers. How did the Philistines react?
12. After the Philistines panicked, there was an earthquake and the Philistines started to run away. King Saul and the rest of the Israelites then came to help fight. Who ended up winning the battle?
13. The armor bearer made a commitment to serve Jonathan. And he was loyal to Jonathan and to that commitment, even in a very difficult situation. We can be loyal to many things. What is the one thing that we should be most loyal to?
14. How can we be loyal to the church?

We can be loyal to the church by saying that we will come to church, and then be faithful in our commitment by actually doing it. Sometimes that means that we need to say no to other things. Take some time and pray to God to help you be loyal in your commitment to church and then make going to church a priority.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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Main Point: Loyalty!

1. Being faithful to what you are committed to.
2. Jonathan and his armor bearer.
3. The Philistines.
4. They only had 600 men and no blacksmiths to make weapons.
5. The man who had the job of carrying the shield and other weapons for the commander.
6. He wanted to go to the enemy's camp.
7. Do what you think is best. I am completely with you.
8. Stop.
9. Fight.
10. Come up and fight.
11. They started to panic.
12. The Israelites.
13. The church.
14. By being committed to coming to the church and by serving.