



A Good Friend Will Always Be There For You!

From Entourage Lesson 3

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - LOYALTY

Leaders who are loyal to others will also have followers who are loyal to them.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that we should be loyal to our friends by being there for them when we are needed.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Barnabas stands up for Saul to the disciples. (Acts 9:1-31)

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: OBSTACLE COURSE

Create an obstacle course across a living room or bedroom floor. The goal for the obstacle course will be to get through it without bumping into anything. For obstacles you could use toys, furniture, food cans, boxes, couch cushions, or pillows. Blindfold each member of your family one at a time and have each one walk across the floor without help. Afterward, talk about how hard it was to make it across without touching anything. Then blindfold each member of your family one at a time, but have someone else be a "friend." The friend should lead the family member through and keep him or her from bumping into the obstacles. Remind your family that a friend is someone who is dependable and will always be there. Sometimes life seems like an obstacle course, and you feel like you are blindfolded, but a good friend will stick with you, help you, and stand up for you. We need to look for friends like that, and we need to be that kind of friend to others.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Never abandon a friend -" Proverbs 27:10a (NLT)



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Main Point: A Good Friend Will Always Be There For You!

Read the Leadership Story about Barnabas and Saul in Acts 9:1-31. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. Pastor Mike talked about what would happen to the rock and the ball in different situations. On the right side of the space below, write what will happen to the rock when it rains. On the left side of the space below, write what will happen to the ball when it rains.

Ball

Rock

2. On the right side of the space below, write what will happen to the rock when the wind blows. On the left side of the space below, write what will happen to the ball when the wind blows.

Ball

Rock

3. On the right side of the space below, write what will happen to the rock when you go away and come back. On the left side of the space below, write what will happen to the ball when you go away and come back.

Ball

Rock

4. According to Pastor Mike, why should we choose a friend like the rock?



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5. Who were the two main people in the Leadership Story?
6. Before he met Barnabas, Saul tried to catch certain people. Who was Saul trying to catch?
7. What happened that changed Saul and caused him to become a Christian?
8. Because of Saul's past, some Christians didn't trust Saul. Who stood up for Saul?
9. Barnabas was a friend to Saul, but which kind of friend was Barnabas? Was he more like the rock or more like the ball?
10. Barnabas was there for Saul when he needed him. Barnabas also forgave Saul and stood up for him. You need a friend like Barnabas and the rock described previously. You need a friend who, no matter what happens, will always be there for you to help you and stand up for you. You also need to be that kind of friend to others. Think of some friends who are like rocks. Draw a picture of some rocks below and write in the names of your friends who are like rocks. Make a point to spend extra time with these friends this week.

Work at being a friend like Barnabas. Be there for your friends, forgive them, and stand up for them. And look for friends who will do the same for you.

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

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1. The ball will float away. The rock will still be there.
2. The ball will move away. The rock will still be there.
3. The ball might not be there. The rock will still be there.
4. It's solid. It's dependable. It will hold firm when you really need it.
5. Barnabas and Saul.
6. Christians.
7. He saw a bright light. He was blinded.
8. Barnabas.
9. The rock.
10. Answers may vary depending on the people involved in the child's life.