



I Will Be Loyal To People Who Are Loyal To God!

From Professor Playtime's
Christmas Shop of Wonders
Lesson 3

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - LOYALTY

Great leaders know that they should stay loyal to the people who are loyal to God.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that we should be loyal to people who are following God's plan.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Christmas story through the eyes of Joseph. (*Matthew 1:18-25*)

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: LEAN ON ME

Play a game of Lean On Me. Have your family members get into pairs. Each pair will face each other and put their hands together, palm to palm, about shoulder high. Both partners will begin to take small steps backwards while leaning on each other's hands. Encourage each pair to stay loyal to their partner and work to stay standing. Once each pair has gotten as far apart as they can, measure the distance between the feet. The pair who got their feet the farthest apart can be declared the winner.

Ask the following questions at the end of the activity:

1. What would have happened if one of you wasn't loyal to your partner and stopped playing?
2. How did it feel when your partner was loyal to you and kept playing?

In this game, it was important for each of us to be there for our partner, to be loyal to that person. When we were loyal to that person, he or she was able to count on us to hold him or her up. It's the same way in life. We need to be loyal to members of our family and to our friends. That means that when they need us we should be there for them and be willing to help them.

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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Read the Leadership Story about Joseph and Mary in Matthew 1:18-25. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. What did Pastor Mike say true loyalty is?
2. Who was Joseph planning to marry?
3. What happened that Joseph had not planned on?
4. What could Joseph have done to Mary because she had gotten pregnant?
5. True or false? Joseph disgraced Mary because she had betrayed him.
6. Who appeared to Joseph in a dream?



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7. What did the angel say about Mary? Cross out the wrong answers and circle the correct ones.
 - Mary is a bad person.
 - Don't be afraid to marry her.
 - Name her son, Jesus.
 - She is not really pregnant.
 - Her son will save His people from sins.
8. Mary was being loyal to God by following His plan. Joseph had to choose to be loyal to Mary and loyal to God. He could also have chosen to be disloyal to them. What did Joseph choose?
9. Joseph showed loyalty by helping to raise Jesus. What were some of the things Joseph had to provide for Jesus? Fill in the missing letters to complete the list of what Joseph gave to Jesus.
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Sh__lt__
10. Pastor Mike said that there is a specific type of person we should give our loyalty to. What type of person should that be? Circle the three correct answers.
 - People who believe in God.
 - People who want to live a life that is pleasing to God.
 - The first person we see each morning.
 - People who are loyal to God.
 - People who wear cross necklaces.
 - People who go to the same school as us.
11. Make a list below of people you know who are loyal to God. Make a point to give your loyalty to these people. When they face tough times or difficult decisions, let them know that you will be there for them just like Joseph was there for Mary and for Jesus.

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

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1. Sticking with someone when times are tough.
2. Mary.
3. Mary became pregnant.
4. Disgraced her. Killed her.
5. False.
6. An angel.
7. Cross out the following: Mary is a bad person. She is not really pregnant.
8. To be loyal to Mary and to God.
9. Clothes. Food. Shelter.
10. Circle the following: People who believe in God. People who want to live a life that is pleasing to God. People who are loyal to God.
11. Answers will vary depending on the people involved in your child's life.