

Loyalty

LOYALTY means being true to someone or something.

LOYALTY shows love for one's country.

LESSON 1

Review the definition of **LOYALTY**. Explain that family members show loyalty to each other by helping each other and sticking up for each other. Ask students to tell about a time when they showed loyalty to a family member. As a brief discussion, read this scenario: **Cory was playing at the park with some other children when the children began to make fun of his little sister. Cory took up for his sister and told the children it wasn't nice to make fun of people. When he got home, he talked about the situation with his family. They were proud of him for showing loyalty to his sister and family.** Call on students to tell what they would do, if they were in Cory's situation. Congratulate students for answers that demonstrate loyalty.

School/Home Link - Tell students to ask a family member ways to show loyalty to a family member.

LESSON 2

Review the definition of **LOYALTY**. Read: **Being loyal includes supporting, helping, protecting, and contributing. You are being loyal when you help a friend.** Read the following scenario to the class. Pretend your good friend is in a spelling contest. **You really want your friend to win the contest, so every day after school you help him practice his spelling words so that he can do his very best.** Ask students to stand up if the scenario showed a loyal friend. As time allows, ask the class to think of other ways to show loyalty to a friend.

School/Home Link - Tell students to ask a family member about ways to show loyalty to a friend.

LESSON 3

Review the definition of **LOYALTY**. Read: **Being loyal to family members, or friends, means doing things to help them. For example, you are showing family loyalty when you help do things around the house. You are a loyal friend when you help them accomplish a goal or solve a problem.** Read the following scenario to class. **Alaina and her friend, Casey, do lots of things together. They color and play games almost everyday. One day Alaina left her colors at home. When she realized she didn't have her crayons, she was sad. Casey saw that her friend felt bad and said, "Don't worry Alaina, you can use my crayons all day long."** Ask students to raise their hands if they felt like Casey was helpful to her friend. Ask students to decide if Casey was showing loyalty to her friend. Encourage students to always be a loyal friend.

School/Home Link - Tell students to ask a family member about ways to show loyalty to a friend.

LESSON 4

Review the definition of **LOYALTY**. Explain that a good place to show loyalty is at school. Ask students if they have ever gone to a high school football game. When people cheer for a particular school's team, they are showing loyalty to that school. Write the following heading on the board: **We Are True To Our School.** Ask students to identify ways they can be true to their school and record them under the heading. Examples could include wearing their school colors, singing their school song, showing school pride by keeping the grounds clean, saying good things about their school and teacher, etc. Tell students to show a "thumb up" when they notice someone showing school loyalty during the day.

School/Home Link - Tell students to ask a family member about their school colors and mascot when they were young.

LESSON 5

Review the definition of **LOYALTY**. Read: **It is important to show loyalty to our country. Did you know that every time you recite the "Pledge of Allegiance," you are showing loyalty to our country?** Explain that a "pledge" is a promise; and "allegiance" means loyalty and faithfulness. Teach them that when they repeat the pledge, they are making a promise to be loyal to their country. Ask students how they can be loyal to their country. (Examples include: Showing respect for the flag, taking care of nature, obeying laws such as wearing seat belts when they ride in cars, etc.) Demonstrate standing up straight and putting your right hand over your heart, explaining that it shows respect for their country. Have children recite the Pledge of Allegiance all together, standing erect, with the right hand over their heart.

School/Home Link - Tell students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to a family member and demonstrate where to place their hand when reciting it.