

Character Program

Year 3

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Love

Loyalty

Loyalty is ...

- not choosing the opposite side
- sticking with someone through difficult times
- caring about people
- doing what you say you will do
- commitment
- helping the people closest to you, like your family and friends
- faithfulness

Loyalty is like tape or glue that is really strong. It doesn't come apart easily. When your friends or family go through difficult times, you can practice loyalty by encouraging them and finding ways to help. Difficult times could be when people are sick, when they have a lot of work to do, when they feel stressed, or when things go wrong.

Practice loyalty and you will be a better friend, a better family member, and a better student!

Your family members are like your team. You need to stick with them, help and care for them for the whole of your life.

Questions

1. When did you stick up for someone in your family?
2. How do parents show loyalty to their children?
3. How can children show loyalty to their parents?
4. How can you be loyal to your brothers or sisters?
5. Who and when has someone helped you or your family through a difficult time?

From the Bible:

Proverbs 18:24 There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times.



Provision

Faith

We can have faith that God will provide all our needs.

Faith is...

- putting our trust in someone
- believing that a person will do as they say
- believing that someone or something will act as they are meant to act
- being confident that someone is trustworthy

Who can we trust?

We can only trust those who have proven themselves trustworthy.
God, our Heavenly Father can be trusted more than anyone.

Activities

1. We can say that we trust a chair because it always supports us. We know that it won't collapse under us. Name three other things that you trust and say why you trust them.
2. Name three people who you can trust.
3. Name someone you would not trust.
4. Why can we trust God?
5. Name three Bible characters that had great faith. What did they trust God for?
6. What miracles can God do for His people today when we trust in Him?

From the Bible:

Philippians 4:19 God will supply all your needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to please God.

Matthew 17:20 Faith as a grain of mustard seed.

Matthew 21:21-22 If you have faith, you can say to this mountain, 'move' and it will move.



Purity

Courtesy and good manners

Courtesy is...

- having good manners
- acting in a way that makes others feel valued and respected
- being polite

Here is an acrostic for POLITE. Make a poster for it.

P = Please say "Please"

O = Obey parents and teachers cheerfully

L = Learn to wait and don't push in

I = Interrupting is out!

T = Thank you

E = Excuse me

Good or bad manners? Write **G** for good or **B** for bad:

1. Speaking rudely to someone
2. Giving an elderly person a seat
3. Saying nothing when someone says "hello" to you
4. Forgetting to say "Excuse me"
5. Saying "Thank you"
6. Coughing without covering your mouth
7. Saying "please"
8. Interrupting a speaker before they can finish their sentence
9. Keeping your mouth closed when you chew your food
10. Pushing in

From the Bible:

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech always be seasoned with salt

Titus 3:2 Remember to... speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

**THANK
YOU!**

Creation

Thankfulness for who I am

For my life, my family and that I have life.

Thankfulness to God for creating me as I am.

God loves me just the way I am. He created me in a very special way. I am special to Him.

Thankfulness for who I am...

- knowing that I am special to God
- feeling sure that I am a very valuable person
- feeling good about my strengths, but not boasting about them
- knowing that I am not good at some things, and accepting it
- feeling happy about the way I am
- knowing that God loves me just the way I am
- being thankful to God for the way He created me

Activities

1. Design your own personal shield that shows the things you are good at. Draw symbols for things like music, cooking, drawing, or whatever you are good at.
2. Did you know that no one has the same fingerprint as you? You are special. Here's an art activity. Make some stamped fingerprint designs. Make the finger prints (or thumb prints or hand prints into animals. Use a pen to add legs, beak, tail or whatever you need to make your animal.

From the Bible:

Psalm 139: 13-14 I am wonderfully made.

Matthew 10: 29-31 Every hair of your head is numbered.

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you I knew you.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 I know the plans I have for you, for good and not evil.



Wisdom

Wisdom

Wisdom is...

- knowing the right thing to do, and doing it
- listening to people who are more experienced than we are
- listening to parents and teachers, and doing what they say
- doing what Jesus would do
- making right choices and decisions
- making right choices about the use of time and money

Activities

1. Imagine you are at a new school. What type of people would you look for when choosing new friends?
2. Pretend you are going to the supermarket. Imagine that you are going to buy the following things. Choose wisely! Remember to consider cost, nutrition and size. Next to each item write the type or brand and the size you would choose for your family. Explain why you consider these to be your wisest choice.

e.g. washing powder milk carrots peas toilet paper toothpaste

Set it out like this:

WASHING POWDER

type/brand.....

size.....

price.....

I chose this because.....



From the Bible:

Proverbs 13:10 Wisdom is found in those who take advice.

James 1:5 Ask God for wisdom.

Proverbs 2:6-10 The Lord gives us wisdom.

Matthew 7:24-27 The wise and foolish builders.

Serving Service

Service is ...

- looking for ways to help others
- being willing to do jobs cheerfully

Activities

1. What services do your parents provide for you? Make a poster called “My Mum” or “My Dad”. On the poster draw pictures and write sentences about what they do, e.g. “My Mum cooks me meals.”
2. Think about how you can provide a service for someone. Make a card for that person. On the card write:

Dear
I would like to give you some of my time this week. I will help you by for hours, signed

From the Bible:

1 Peter 4:10 Use your gift to serve others.

Matthew 20:28 Jesus came not to be served, but to serve others.

Galatians 6:9 Let us not grow tired of doing good.



Protection

Security

God is a loving Father who can be trusted. We can trust Him to protect us. We can feel secure in His care.

Security is...

- having no fear
- feeling safe
- being sure that God is in charge of my life
- giving my worries to God

I feel safe and secure because:

- my family cares for me
- God cares for me

Activities

1. Why do you think a baby feels secure?
2. What makes you feel secure...at home? at school?
3. Two children can demonstrate a "trust walk". In this activity one student puts all their trust in the other student. The leader will lead the other on a walk while their eyes are closed. The leader will make sure the partner does not walk into things or trip over things.
4. After the trust walk, ask whether the person felt safe and secure on the trust walk. Why? They did not need to be afraid because the leader could be trusted to keep them safe and secure.

Questions:

Who can we trust?

How do these people show their love and care for us?

From the Bible:

Psalm 91 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd.

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your cares on Him, for He cares for you.

Matthew 6:25-31 Do not worry. God cares for the birds and much more for you.

Truth

Respect for Truth

Respect for truth means that ...

- we live by what we know to be true
- we obey what is true
- we do the things our parents and teachers tell us to do.
- we do what the Bible tells us to do.
- we follow the laws that are right and true.

Activities

1. Dad is driving to an important meeting and he is late. The road sign says not to go faster than 60 kilometres per hour. What should Dad do?
2. Mum has asked you to clean your room. Your friend wants you to come and play. What should you do?
3. You find a coin in the school playground. What should you do?
4. You have promised your grandma that you will help her with the shopping but your friend has just dropped in to see you. What should you do?

From the Bible:

1 John 5:3 This is love for God: to obey His commandments.

Philippians 4:8 Whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about these things.

