

# Loyalty

## 1. As pupils enter

Play some video footage of parrots as children enter and / or play your chosen music and display the image of **the word 'Loyalty'**.

## 2. Introduction

Ask the assembly what 'loyalty' means and gather responses. (Sticking with someone no matter what; people can 'count on you'). Explain that everyone is going to watch a short video telling a story about loyalty and that while they are watching the children should think about the meaning of loyalty.

## 3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 51". The final words are: "...it was an old Buddhist tale. Goodbye!"

## 4. After the video - Time to talk

Ask some or all of the Video questions to consolidate children's understanding of it. Then lead a discussion by asking:

- Why do you think loyalty is a good value to have? (People trust you; it shows you are responsible; you put others first; it shows you care; etc).
- Are you loyal to a particular sports team? Why did you pick that team? (Children might talk about a link with a sports team through location or family loyalties).
- How do you show your loyalty? (Children might talk about supporting and cheering for a sports team or wearing clothing with the sports team colours - eg a football kit).
- How can you show loyalty to your family, your friends and your community?

## 5. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.

## Video page



## 6. Opportunity to reflect

*Be still now as we think about some of the things we've heard today...*

*We've heard an old Buddhist tale about the importance of loyalty...and how the parrot remained loyal to the tree no matter what...*

*How do you show your loyalty to others..?*

*Think about three different ways that you could show loyalty to your friends...*

*Why you think it's important that you show loyalty to your friends...*

*Think about what those friendships would be like without trust and without loyalty...*

## 7. Opportunity for prayer

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the loyalty of others, those who stick with us when we are finding things hard and who help us when we may be struggling.*

*Help us to be good friends, to show our loyalty so that our friends know that they can trust us and rely on us. Amen.*