

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.*