

Junior 'Warrior' Programme

Loyalty!

Student name;

Training venue;

This Warrior task is about 'Loyalty' and some of the things that it may mean.

I think of loyalty as a quality that some people have when they stick by and support others. If you have a friend who is struggling or even getting things wrong, being loyal means that you don't just abandon the friend. Instead you stick by him/her and help them to make better choices. If they are not interested in making better (or different) choices, then loyalty can be sticking with them even though you disagree on a certain subject.

I believe it is easy to be loyal to a friend who always agrees with you, but much more difficult if you disagree. Wise men tell us though, that only very intelligent people can accept that their friends may think differently to themselves. Accepting that your friends have different views to you is very mature.

Accepting another persons views, can be slightly different to being loyal to them. A good way to measure loyalty is whether a person will verbally defend a person who is not present to do it for themselves.

It is also possible to be loyal to;

sports clubs or groups

families

schools

countries

counties

religions

and many other things too.

LOYALTY MEANS I AM
DOWN WITH YOU
WHETHER YOU ARE
WRONG OR RIGHT,
BUT I WILL TELL YOU
WHEN YOU ARE WRONG
AND HELP YOU GET IT
RIGHT.

If you are 'loyal' to someone, it doesn't necessarily mean that you back them up when they are wrong. One of the best ways to be loyal is to point out when someone is wrong, to help them avoid looking or feeling silly.

Do you think we can learn to be loyal?

I believe we can learn this skill if we decide that its important to us.

There are 2 parts to this task.

Part 1; I would like you to look, listen, pay attention and note the ways that people talk and act around each other. I would like you to notice people being 'loyal' to their friends. Maybe these people are defending friends who are not present, maybe they are sticking up for friends who are present.

You do not need to be judgemental (tell me what is good and what is bad) just note whats happening with people. I think that you will get lots of opportunity to do this at school.

So, please tell me below some of the things you noticed and whether you think it was loyal or disloyal.

Part 2; Now that you've paid attention to whether people are loyal or not, I want you to decide how YOU will behave. Are you going to become a person who is even more loyal than you already are? Are you thinking that maybe you should be less loyal than you already are? Or do you think that you've got it just about right?

Whichever you decide, please tell my why.