

MONTHLY THEME: Loyalty

When we are loyal to someone or something, it means that we have a strong liking for it and we really care about it. Have you ever felt close to another person? Maybe it was a special friend or family member. You felt a sense of devotion to that person. That's loyalty.

Do you feel special towards something that you have? Sometimes kids feel close to a blanket or a toy and carry it with them wherever they go. That's loyalty toward that blanket or toy. Have you ever had a special feeling about a certain shirt or pair of jeans? No matter what people said about how often you've worn those, you would always have a special feeling toward them. In other words, you were loyal to your favorite clothes.

Who do you feel loyal to? You can demonstrate loyalty by supporting your sister when you go to her dance recital, even though you may think it's a little bit boring. You show loyalty when you stand by a friend when others call him names or make fun of him because he looks different. You show loyalty to your country by standing up and putting your hand across your heart for the pledge of allegiance and national anthem.

You learn loyalty first in life toward your family. This is because your family contains the people you knew first and who know you the best. Nobody knows or loves you more than your parents. That's probably the best reason to be loyal to them. Your parents love you no matter what, if you're sick, had a bad day, if you do poorly in school or get into trouble. So be loyal to your parents by listening to them and obeying their rules. They made the rules because they love you.

You should also be loyal to your brothers and sisters. Now that doesn't mean you always have to like what they do. There isn't a boy or girl in the world that doesn't sometimes get angry with their brothers or sisters from time to time. It just means that you should try to support them, like listening to them, or doing things with them you might not do by yourself. Maybe you have an sibling who likes to play board games that you don't particularly like, you can show your loyalty to them by sitting down to play it when they sometimes.

How can you demonstrate loyalty to a friend? Suppose you have a friend who is doing things a little differently than the rest of the kids at school. Maybe he plays a strange instrument or his family comes from another country. Some of the kids in your class start to make fun of him or start picking on him. As a loyal friend you would stick up for him, perhaps telling the other kids that you think it's okay to be a little different. It's also letting your friend know that you are there for them.

Or maybe your friend is doing something that you know is bad for her, like taking drugs. Being a good friend would mean telling your parents or your teacher about this. Good friends care enough to help their friends stay away from danger.

By showing loyalty you should receive it back.

Practice counting in Korean

- 1: Ha-na
- 2: Tul
- 3: Set
- 4: Net
- 5: Da-sot
- 6: Yo-sot
- 7: Il-gop
- 8: Yeo-dul
- 9: A-hop
- 10: Yeol
- 11: Yeol Hanna
- 12: Yeol Tul
- 13: Yeol Set
- Etc.
- 20: Su-mul
- 21: Su-mul hanna
- 22: Su-mul tul
- Etc.
- 30: So-run
- 31: So-run hanna
- 32: So-run tul
- Etc.

Upcoming Events

- **Tournament**
Columbus, OH 4/20
- **Graduation**
April 22, 23



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