

**Recommended Grade Levels:** K-1**Applicable Character Traits:** Loyalty**Objective:**

By the end of the lesson, students will understand that to have loyal, respectful friends you must treat others the way you want to be treated.

**Time Frame:** (Approximately 30 minutes)

Approximately how long the entire lesson should take to complete. It's nice to let the teacher know, so you are both on the same page. Be sure to check with the teacher in advance as to how much time is allotted for the lesson, and keep an eye on the clock.

**Materials/ Preparation:**

- Copy of Loyalty Starts With Respect lesson plan
- Copy of "The Respectful Prince and the Four Dwarfs" (attached)
- Loyalty Character Trait statement (attached)

**Opening Statements:** (5-10 minutes)

- **Greet** the students.
- **Thank** the class for a great year of Character Education.
- **Ask** the students - Does anyone know what the last character trait is for the year? (Loyalty)
- **Ask** the students- What does it mean to be **loyal**? (To stick by our family and friends, treat others the way we would want to be treated, show respect, etc.)
- Read the Character Trait Statement or have a student read it.
- Explain – After a short discussion, the class will hear a story about two Princes and four Dwarfs.

**Activity:** (15-20 minutes)

- **Ask** the class – What is nice about having good friends? (Having someone you can trust, depend on, know you are liked and respected, etc...)
- **Ask** the class - How do you show respect to your friends? (Be kind, share, don't talk behind their backs, take turns, etc...)
- **Ask the class** – How would it make you feel if a friend wasn't kind? Lied? Didn't share? Didn't listen to your request? (2-3 students)
- **Explain** - Treating friends and classmates with respect shows that you are demonstrating loyalty.
- **Read** story: "The Respectful Prince and the Four Dwarfs"



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**Wrap up and Reflection:** (5 minutes)

Why do you think the Dwarfs didn't want to help Prince Edward?

What could he do in the future to gain the trust, loyalty and respect of the dwarfs?

Explain – Everyone can be a good, loyal friend by being kind and respectful.

**Character Trait Statement**

**Loyalty**

At EBS we practice Loyalty.

We stick by our family and friends.

We treat others the way we want to be treated.

We stand up for people and ideas we believe in.

We are loyal to our teams, community, and country.

We make good choices and don't talk about others behind their back.

We make careful decisions when we have conflicting loyalties.



### The Respectful Prince and the Four Dwarfs

Once upon a time, there were two princes who were brothers. These two princes were playing together in the forest. While they were playing, they came across their four dwarf friends who asked them to be more careful.

The first dwarf had a headache and he asked them not to shout. The second dwarf was painting a landscape, and he asked the brothers to move away because they were blocking out the light. The third dwarf was putting together a giant jigsaw puzzle on the ground, and he asked the princes not to step on it. The fourth dwarf was watching butterflies in his garden and he asked them not to frighten them away.

The Prince Henry, who respected others, did as the dwarfs asked. He kept his voice down. He played in a different area, so he wouldn't block the light. He was careful not to step on the jigsaw puzzle, and, lastly, he was kind and respectful to any butterfly that was fluttering by. On the other hand, his disrespectful brother, Prince Edward, ignored the dwarfs' pleas. While playing, he was yelling constantly! He bothered the dwarf who was painting by jumping around the area and even knocked over some paint. He ran across the jigsaw puzzle and messed it up. Lastly, he chased two butterflies and scared them away!

The sun was beginning to set and evening would soon come. While the Princes had played they had become separated and lost. They needed to get back to the palace quickly because the Queen insisted they return home before dark for their dinner.

Each of them, separately, came across the four dwarfs again, and asked for their help. The dwarfs refused to help disrespectful Prince Edward, but for respectful Prince Henry they showed their loyalty and did whatever they could to help. They took the respectful Prince along a secret path which led right to the palace.

The disrespectful Prince arrived much later and was punished for it. This experience helped him to understand that if you want to be treated with respect and have loyal friends, you must be respectful and kind to them.

(Story adapted from "Stories For Your Kids" – <http://freestoriesforkids.com> – The Respectful Prince and the Dwarfs by Pedro Pablo Sacristán, used with permission.)

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