



## Religious Studies: Notes

### Theme: Growing with values – Loyalty

Loyalty is faithfulness or devotion to a person or cause. Loyalty is an important virtue especially with regards to relationships. Friends and family members should be loyal to each other. This fosters trust and dependability.

In the business world, companies depend on customers who are loyal.

Elisha, Daniel and his friends are biblical characters who demonstrated loyalty. Elisha remained loyal to Elijah, until Elijah was taken up into heaven in a chariot. When Daniel and his friends were taken as captives into Babylon, they refused to conform to the Babylonian way of life. They maintained a healthy lifestyle and remained loyal to God.



Being loyal often creates its own rewards, with increases in blessings, security, and respect from others. Friendships become stronger when individuals are loyal. Organizations become stronger when members are loyal. Businesses usually reward customers who are loyal. Clubs, sports teams and other organizations usually honour loyal members or workers.

We can show loyalty to God by worshipping Him, reading His Word, treating others with respect and praying every day. We can show loyalty by being faithful to friends and neighbours. We can show loyalty to our school, clubs and sports teams by being committed and obeying rules.