

Rockin Around the Clock

And the Moral of the Story...

Coach Michael of the First Tee of Cleveland is still at home. I'm listening to pandora radio and staying away from the newscasts. I have occupied myself with writing and revisiting some of the music from my pre-teen years



Does anybody remember basement parties with a blue or red light and unofficial street dance parties with red punch and Saturday matinees for a quarter and 10 cent bags of popcorn from the 5 and 10?. Anybody remember rotary phones and party lines or asking your parents' for money and getting a story from their life with a moral? Remember asking a teacher or an adult the meaning of a word (Go look it up). Does anybody remember going to the library to use the Encyclopedia Britannica to write a report or the "A" volume of the Funk and Wagnalls Encyclopedia which was given away with groceries at the supermarket (If you do, then you know that the aardvark is a medium-sized, burrowing, nocturnal mammal native to Africa.)

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My thoughts are: Mom/Dad, it time to dust off those old 33s and 45s and a couple of stories with a moral.to share them with the kids. You can reminisce and point out the art work, artistry of a comic book. Turn off the screens and sit down in a wing-backed chair and tell your children what it was like growing up. Did you ever watch a TV show with a moral lesson (Bullwinkle and Rocky the Squirrel; Huckleberry Hound, Quick Draw McGraw; Tex Ritter; Hopalong Cassidy, Roy Rogers; Gene Autry)?**Then sit down and have your tell you a story with moral. Do any the shared stories have a moral lesson from the First Tee Core Values**

Honesty;
Integrity;
Sportsmanship;

Respect;
Confidence;
Responsibility;

Perseverance;
Courtesy;
Judgment.

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Use the chart to make a list of your stories and the moral

| Check box | Value | My Story |
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One of my favorite stories is about Icarus, who made himself a pair of wings held together with wax and when he flew too close the sun, he crashed into the sea. There were several object lesson with this story but what I remember is that Icarus flew when it was impossible for a man to fly. I also like to tell the story of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.

Other ancient stories include Pandora's Box and The man who whispered a secret to a tree. If you can't think of an appropriate story with a moral, I suggest Aesop's Fables at the Library of Congress online. <http://www.read.gov/aesop/001.html>

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