

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.)

**ACTIVITY**

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	<b>Value</b>	<b>My Story</b>
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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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