



A WEEK IN *Learning*

TEAMBUILDER
activities for your next team gathering!

The Young Princess

GOAL / OBJECTIVE: An activity that gives a better understanding of accountability and teamwork.

GROUP SIZE: 6+

TIME: 20 minutes

EQUIPMENT: The Young Princess Story ([Page 2](#)) and a pen or pencil

DIRECTIONS:

- Hand out “The Young Princess” story to each person. Inform them that they have 5 minutes to rank the characters from most responsible to least responsible for the fate of the young princess. **(1 being the most, 6 being the least).**
- Next, each table must come to an agreement as a TEAM and perform the rankings again. Give them about 5-10 minutes.
- Ask each team to share their rankings and WHY they chose their #1.

DEBRIEF:

Take a moment to discuss what your team learned:

- Was it a challenge to come to a final ranking as a team? Why or why not?
- How did your team come to a final ranking – and – how different was it from your personal ranking?
- How does accountability show up in this activity? What does accountability look like to you?

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THE YOUNG PRINCESS

A long time ago, there lived a young Princess. She lived with her father, the King, and her mother, the Queen, in a castle near the Black Forest. Her mother felt unhappy and neglected because the King traveled frequently to other lands. Therefore, she gave all her attention to the young Princess, who became spoiled and demanding.

One day the Princess commanded that she visit her “subjects” in the neighboring village. The Queen gave in, even though it would be dangerous, and allowed her to go off. After a day of pranks, the young Princess found herself far from home as night was falling.

Unable to find her way home alone, the Princess found a church and demanded an escort. The Friar, who was angered at the King for taxing the people, told the young Princess to return home by a way of a shortcut. Unbeknownst to the Princess, the path the Friar described was through the most dangerous part of the Black Forest and belonged to the Wicked Sorcerer.

The Princess, tired and lost, had given up hope when she came across a White Knight. The very frightened Princess begged for aid. The knight promised his undying support but rode away once he found out the Princess had no money. The Princess went deeper into the forest whereupon she met the Wicked Sorcerer. After listening to her pleas, the Sorcerer turned the Princess into a fox, forever to live in the forest.

On a scale of 1 to 6, rank the order of characters from MOST responsible to LEAST responsible for the fate of the Young Princess (1 being the most and 6 being the least).

____ The Young Princess

____ The King

____ The Queen

____ The Friar

____ The White Knight

____ The Wicked Sorcerer