Dependability and Work Ethic

Activity E
Chapter 3

Name ____________________________
Date ____________________________ Period ____________________________

Read the following story about Joseph. Then answer the questions below.

Joseph was hired by Mr. Johnson as a stocker in a grocery store. His job responsibilities included unloading boxes from delivery trucks and stocking the store shelves, refrigerators, and freezers. One Tuesday morning, Joseph unloaded some boxes of frozen food products from a delivery truck, but didn’t follow his employer’s directions to transfer the food to the freezer quickly. Mr. Johnson explained that frozen food cannot be allowed to thaw. Joseph, however, became distracted by some of his friends who came to the store to talk with him. At noon, Joseph was hungry so he left for lunch without asking permission. He decided to handle important personal business instead of returning to work that afternoon. When Joseph arrived at work Wednesday morning, he was surprised to learn that Mr. Johnson had fired him and hired a replacement.

1. Was Mr. Johnson justified in firing Joseph? Explain. ____________________________

2. If you were Mr. Johnson, what would you have said to Joseph on Wednesday? ____________________________

3. What should Joseph have done about his friends distracting him from his work? ____________________________

4. What should Joseph have done about his personal business? ____________________________