

Childhoodslost Chess Chat – The Five Finger Commitment



The Pawn represents Compassion. The Pawn is typically considered to be the most expendable game piece yet it can actually yield positive results if used effectively. It represents the little things that amount to greatness through persistence and the mentees will learn how little things like Compassion, kindness, friendliness and courage can make a major impact on those around them.

The Rook represents Identity. In chess, the Rook moves in straight lines, not allowing outside influences to change its course. Using the Rook as a tool for reminding the mentees that it is important that they define who they are and surround themselves with people and activities that support their true Identity.

The Knight in the game of chess is a strategic piece that represents Commitment. In order to become a Knight, an individual spends the majority of this life assisting others and connecting to his community. You can utilize this relationship of Commitment and community service to emphasize the importance of the Knight.

The Bishop represents Safety. The Bishop move diagonally. Because the journey through early childhood and adolescence is difficult, mentees will face challenges and pressures that may attempt to divert them off their path of success. The Bishop represents the importance of making safe decisions and positive choices.

The Queen can move in any direction on the chess board. She has unlimited choices and an advantage over all of the other pieces. This ability comes with a huge responsibility and therefore the Queen in represents responsible decisions and the importance of positive influences.

The King is the heart of the game and also represents Goals. He relies on all of his supporting pieces to attain the goal of victory. The mentees can relate the King's ultimate success to the role that each individual piece played in order to achieve victory.

We are doing what is necessary to open up our youths mind, broaden their horizons and nurture their future as leaders.