

Shining the Light on PATIENCE



“They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and, in their rebellion, appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore, you did not desert them.” Nehemiah 9:17

*Patience is sharing and waiting for a turn.
A sense of fulfilment is created through endurance.*

Teaching truth

Jesus' life brings, helps and spreads the good news that we can be with our God. This good news is for everyone! We can access true PATIENCE through the Holy Spirit.

Can you see the Holy Spirit (the star) guiding and helping Stellar Bear on each page? What do you think the star is saying to Stellar in this story?

The best way to teach PATIENCE is to acknowledge the benefits of waiting for the right time and space for things to happen. Scripture says, “all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to God's purposes.” (Romans 8:28). PATIENCE has long-term benefits for everyone: it strengthens relationships and brings us joy and peace.

Empowering kids to shine

What is PATIENCE?

Having PATIENCE is a gentle, forgiving attitude toward others, even when someone does the wrong thing. Waiting patiently or letting others have a turn first helps to resolve disputes peacefully.

How can we show PATIENCE?

Responding with PATIENCE to the mistakes of others isn't easy. PATIENCE is a trait that is learned over time. Give children examples such as planting seeds in a pot and watering them every day. Once growth is visible, point out that growth was happening even though we couldn't see it. By taking a breath and focussing on God's goodness and timing, we can learn to be patient.

