

St Anne's Primary School RE at home- Summer term

faith at home

Week 6: (from Monday 22nd June)

WEEK 6 THEME: PATIENCE



Key message:

Patience is one of those qualities that we all need to develop especially when times are tough, when people and governments are frustrating. Patience to wait for the right time, patience with each other and the patience to wait on God when things seem to be taking so long to sort themselves out. The Bible is filled with stories of people like Mary, David, Moses and Noah who had to wait for the right time, for God's time. '...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience' (Colossians 3:1)

The story of Noah (Genesis 8 verses 6-13)

"Noah waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark." Genesis 8:10



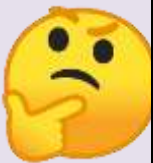
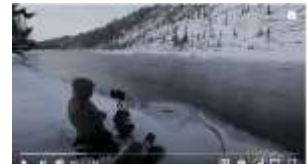
Reflective starter



For Christians, patience is often about waiting, waiting for God to do things in the time that is right. It is a confidence that God is faithful and to trust in God. Sometimes it is hard and difficult to understand why God takes so long but there is an acceptance that God is in control and that sometimes even miracles take time.

Watch this short clip to see 'patience' in action.

Waiting to film Bobcats. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxYvbT4Ybs>



- Patience with ourselves - not giving up, coping with temper, recognising our strengths and weaknesses, not being too hard on ourselves because we all make mistakes.
- Patience with others - recognising everyone is different, learning to make allowances for others, giving time to people, walking at another's pace and not rushing them.
- Patience with circumstances - 'Rome wasn't built in a day', doing something worthwhile can take time, taking the long view, 'instant everything' isn't the answer to every problem.
- Patience with nature/the world - learning to wait for things to grow (harvest); working for change is one step at a time (for example, climate change)

KS2



- I wonder what you think when you join the end of a long queue?
- I wonder who you think of when your teacher asks you to think of someone who is patient?
- I wonder if you can think of a time in your life when you had to be patient and wait for something? How long did you have to wait? A minute? An hour? A day? A week? A month? Longer?

How easy do you find it to be patient?

Watch https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QX_oy9614HQ

Several children wrestle with waiting to eat a marshmallow in hopes of a bigger prize. This video is a good illustration of waiting and the hope in future rewards. What would you have done?

In today's Bible story, Noah has some disappointments and finds that he has to be patient. At the beginning of the story we are reading today, God had told Noah to build a great big Ark. He had to take all his family and two of every kind of animal to save them from the coming flood. Noah had carefully followed God's plan, Noah had to show patience with the animals and people he was locked in with and with the timing of God's plan. He had confidence that God was with him, but he couldn't see how the plan would work out.

Patience: Noah: Genesis Chapter 8 Verses 6-13

Noah and his family were in lockdown – and we all know what that feels like, don't we?!

They had self-isolated to be safe from a world-wide flood, and now they'd been shut up together for longer than anyone really wanted to be. Noah and his family were grateful that they were all safe, but they were desperate to get out of the ark and get on with their normal lives...whatever the new normal was going to be. It had been a challenging time and they had to have patience with each other stuck as they were inside one ship ...with all those animals! And all that noise...! And all those SMELLS! They also had to have patience with God. They knew that God would bring this to an end but when...?!

After forty days of lockdown, Noah opened a window in the ark and sent out a raven, but it kept flying back and forth as the flood hadn't yet gone down and it could find nowhere to land. This was a disappointment, but Noah was just going to have to wait a little longer. Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. But the dove could find no place to land either and so it returned to the ark. They were all disappointed, but they knew they just had to continue being patient. So, Noah waited another seven days and sent out the dove again and when it returned the dove had a freshly plucked olive leaf in its beak! This was great news as it meant the flood was going down and there were trees out there.

But Noah and his family still had to be patient, they needed to be sure that this wasn't just a blip, a one off... So Noah waited another seven days and then sent out the dove again. This time it did not return, and Noah was sure that it was safe.

Then God said to Noah 'Come out of the ark, all of you: you, your wife and your sons' wives'. Their patience had been rewarded. It had been a long wait; it had taken courage and resilience, but they were all safe and well. As they looked back it had all seemed worth it – and they knew that one day, it would be a distant memory. The first thing Noah did was to give thanks to God and then God set a rainbow in the sky as a reminder of his promise, that never again would a flood destroy the earth.

For the full story you could watch The Jesus Storybook Bible version which is available as a video here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yCLRcA9mIQE>



TASK:

When Noah saw the rainbow in the sky at the end of the story, he must have felt as if his patience had been rewarded. The rainbow was a sign of God's promise to his people.

Red is the colour of bravery: pray for or think about those people who are having to be brave at the moment.

Orange is the colour of waiting: pray or think about having to be patient and wait for things to get back to normal.

Yellow is the colour of sunshine: be thankful for some good things in your life.

Green is the colour of growth: pray or think about the people who are patiently growing and producing our food.

Blue is a peaceful colour: pray for or think about people who are anxious at this time, that they would find peace and be patient with themselves.

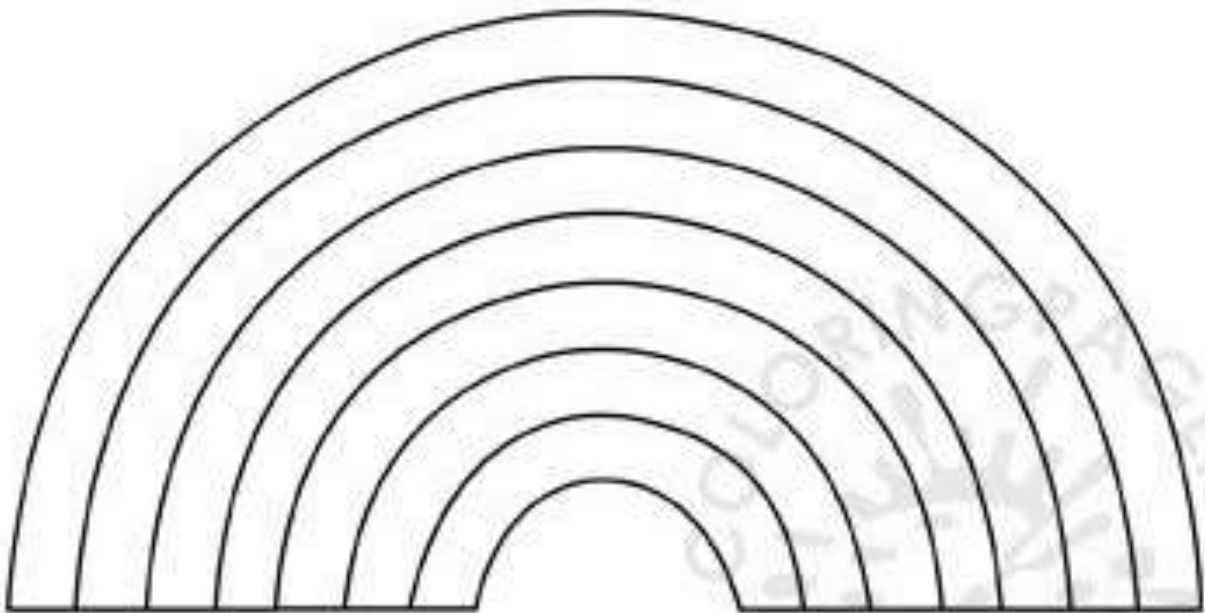
Indigo is a sad colour: pray for or think about those who are sad or lonely, and that those around them would be patient with them.

Violet is a royal colour, the colour of leaders: pray for or think about the people in our government, that they will be patient and make wise decisions.

Using the colours of the rainbow to help we can think about or pray for yourself and other people:

Can you write a rainbow prayer or poem?

Use the rainbow template and write a line in each colour section. Use the ideas above to help you.



Task for fun at home!

Do a jigsaw: you decide how many pieces you can manage. It takes patience to finish a jigsaw, but the result is worth waiting for !



