

## Values Enquiry Assembly Outline PATIENCE

**0.00 GREETING** **Leader:** *Peace be with you..*

**Response:** *and peace be with you...*

Can you find other examples of the way the Bible uses the word patience and create your own greeting to say or sing at the beginning of the assembly? See

<http://www.worshipworkshop.org.uk/worship-planner/>

**0.02 INSPIRE** **We have been exploring patience and used key questions to help us** (pupil)

*What is patience?*

*When do you show patience in different situations?*

*What qualities do you need to wait successfully?*

*What is difficult about being patient?*

*What difference can faith in God(spirituality) make to being patient?*

*What helps you learn to be more patient?*

**0.04 EXPLORE** ***What is patience?*** (pupil poses questions)

We worked in pairs to write down what we thought patience is before we investigated further. Have a look at our Patience 'Wordle' reflection using the ideas that we came up with. <http://www.wordle.net/create>

***We have been investigating how we show patience in different situations*** (pupil)

- **Pre-planned events** examples e.g. – waiting for your birthday, holidays, visiting relations, friends, a new toy, someone to get better, exams, not giving up
- **How we grow and change** - waiting for practise to bear fruit e.g. instrument, sport
- **Things that you can see but can't control e.g. Natural processes** requiring patience to grow, recover from an accident or illness

**0.06** ***What qualities do you need to wait successfully?*** (pupil poses questions)

We thought through real life situations and identified qualities that are needed to be good at being patient, for example: acceptance, humility, trust, faith. Look at the images we have found of everyday situations as examples of patience and the qualities we need.

***What is difficult about learning to be patient? What does it mean to lose patience*** (pupil poses questions)

*We thought about some of the challenges involved in waiting patiently for something. For example: impatience, selfishness, frustration, doubt, taking charge which are opposite of the qualities that help us grow patience*

**0.07 ENQUIRE** ***What difference can faith in God make to being patient?*** (pupil poses questions)

**Scripture search:** we are going to read the bible story of Simeon and Anna - The Presentation of Jesus in the temple' (Luke 2:22-40) and then show you the clip of

**Dramatised bible stories.** We are now going to show you some of the sources that we have used to enquire about how faith in God can help people be more patient:

1. the clip of the same story which is a dramatized version from The Life of Christ (This can be muted with the Bible reading over the top – timings need rehearsing)
2. the actor viewpoint showing an actor sharing about how the story helps them understand the value more deeply. (*See video clips and scripture search*)

*Please note: background information is important here for teacher and pupil – see*

**‘Patience History and Theology’** Simeon and Anna showed incredible patience waiting for God’s promise of a saviour before they died of old age and were rewarded with meeting baby Jesus.

#### 0.10 REFLECT

**Values learning through drama: (could also be a video of the drama workshop)**

We are now going to show you the drama we created to explain our version of the story and help us all think about how faith can help people grow patience

**Be Values Detectives** while you watch the drama see if you can meet these values challenges:

- *Which characters show patience?*
- *What evidence is there for waiting patiently?*
- *What evidence is there for how faith in God helps people wait patiently*
- *What lessons from this drama could you apply to your everyday lives at home and at school?*

#### 0.15 RESPOND

Look at the Values detective challenges on the screen and be quiet and still for a moment to think about the evidence you found in the drama for answering these questions. What examples can you think of from your everyday life at home and at school where you can apply the lessons from this story?

#### 0.18 SEND

**Song:** on the theme of learning to wait patiently

#### 0.20

**Prayer:** Look at the prayers that have been suggested as guidelines only on the patience theme. Pupils individually or in pairs write their own prayers and choose one to use in the assembly.

*Living God,  
you waited a long while before coming to us in Jesus.  
Give us patience  
when we look forward to good things happening to us. **Amen***

*Creator God,  
as we see tall oak trees that many years ago were tiny acorns,  
help us be patient. **Amen***