

PATIENCE

1. As pupils enter

Play your chosen music as the children enter and display the selection of fruit.

2. Introduction

Ask the children to think for 10 seconds about what their favourite fruit to eat is. Ask the children if they have ever been fruit picking. How do we know that fruit is ready to be picked and eaten?

Explain that this story is from the Islamic tradition and this is a retelling, so it isn't exactly the same as the story that Muslims might have heard before. Show the packet of dates and explain that the story originally is about dates, but in this version our story is about apples. Show an apple from the collection of fruit and then play the video.

3. Play the video

The duration is 4' 43". Final words: 'See you soon. Bye!'

4. After the video - Time to talk

You could begin with the Video questions above to consolidate children's recall of the story. Then lead a discussion about patience by asking the following:

- What does the boy learn from the teacher? (When the teacher gives the boy a ripe apple he learns how lovely the ripe fruit is)
- Can you think of something that we have to wait for? (The children might talk about waiting for special events - eg a birthday or holiday - or they might also talk about waiting for a plant to grow, a new baby in their family or waiting for something that takes time to learn)
- What helps us to be patient and wait for something? (It can help us to be patient if we know that something will be better/more successful by waiting)
- Is patience a kind of strength?
- Why is it important that we learn to have patience?

5. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.

Video page



6. Opportunity to reflect

Let's spend some time thinking about occasions when we find it hard to wait for something... Think about something that takes time to learn like handwriting... Or times when we have to be patient and take turns to play a game together... Think about a time when you had to be very patient...and how it felt when you finally enjoyed whatever you waited for.

7. Opportunity for prayer

Begin with your usual form of address and:

*Thank you for stories that help us to think about patience.
Help us to learn to be patient when there are things that take time to learn...or that need more time for them to be at their best - just like the apples in the story.
Thank you for celebrations and special times that we wait for and that bring joy in our lives.
Amen.*