













# Theme: Patience Pineapple Fruits of the Spirit



1 <b>Snack idea</b>	Biscuits, toast or Pineapple for the children to eat.	
2 <b>Craft or Game</b>	<p>Craft:</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Game:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a pineapple using card get the children/parents to make a pineapple shape and then stick on gems or buttons on the yellow card to make it look like a pineapple – or use white card and yellow/green paint and use fingerprint dots of paint to 'paint' the pineapple – each will take a certain amount of patience to accomplish.</li> <li>• A game like tiddlywinks that takes patience to get right or a game where the children have to take turns and be patient until it is their turn.</li> </ul>
3 <b>Lighting the candle</b>	Use the same words as the local school when lighting the candle.	 
4 <b>Welcome</b>	<p>Song:</p> <p>Prayer:</p>	<p>You could use '<a href="#">welcome everybody</a>' by Fischy music</p> <p>You could use this <a href="#">gathering prayer</a> by Sam Hargreaves</p>  
5 <b>Collect</b>	Say: A collect is a gathering prayer	<p>The collect for the day can be found here: <a href="#">Join us in a service of Daily Prayer   The Church of England</a>, then select Morning Prayer and scroll to the end to find the collect.</p>   
6 <b>Bible passage</b>	Say: We are reading a story (that has been adapted) from the Bible today so that we can hear God's word and learn about Him.	<p><b>Galatians 5:22-23</b> - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.</p> <p>+ <b>Romans 12:12</b> Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.</p>   
7 <b>Biblical link</b>	Why it matters	<p>Have pineapple or another food item e.g. chocolate, lollies or biscuits and slowly, slowly, open or prepare the item of food ready to share – asking if the children are hungry, whether they like the food etc. then share. Ask them if they were getting irritated that you were taking so long to pass the food around.</p> <p>The fruits of the Spirit don't really have anything to do with a bowl of fruit. As a tree bears fruit when it is growing well. So, we as Christians bear fruit when we are growing well as Christians – When we show patience and self-control we are showing the fruits of the Spirit. Others will see these in us or about us, as we get better at living how God wants us to.</p> <p>Being patient is really quite tricky, we live in a world where we can get things almost straight away. Order something on the internet today and it could arrive tomorrow – need to know what something means or how something works, ask the internet and you can find out in moments.</p> <p>I wonder how patient you are, with your friends, or with your brothers and sisters why might it change?</p> <p>I wonder what sort of things you are waiting for, are you impatient?</p> <p>I wonder who has to be patient with you (God? Partners? Parents? Friends?)</p> <p>I wonder how much patience God has.</p>  

**8 Take away response**

Say: How will you respond to the message we have heard from God today?

God is very patient with us and we need to try and be just as patient with other people.

How can we learn to be more patient?

In class, if you have understood the lesson but someone in the class has not understood, we need to be patient with them as they need to learn too. Perhaps understanding that some people are better at some things than others, helps us be more understanding and therefore more patient – as they may have to be patient with us when we struggle with a different lesson.

When you are waiting for someone to do something, how can you help them or encourage them rather than get impatient and grumpy?

I wonder if you have ever been asked to do something – but you were too busy doing something else, that you didn't do it quickly enough or forgot. This means that by us not doing as we have been asked, we test the patience of others. How could we help?



**9 Prayer**

Say: We say prayers to talk to God ...

Give each person a seed pea/sunflower – large enough to hold.

*Encourage everyone to cup the seed in their hands - say: Heavenly Father, just as we gently hold this seed in our hands, you love and care for us, as we are precious to you. Thank You that You are always patient with us.*

*Encourage everyone to place the seed in the palm of their hand - say: Heavenly Father, Just as you love and care for us - help us to show love and care for others by helping us to be patient with others.*

*Encourage everyone to place the seed between their thumb and finger - say: Heavenly Father, just as we control this seed in our hand we can also control our own actions. Help us to not test the patience of others. Amen.*

Take the seed home plant it and care for it, as you wait for it to grow, let it remind you to always show patience for others.



**10 Song**

Say: We sing songs to praise God and thank God

[Fruit of the Spirit](#) song by Bob Baxter - You Tube

You are my vision - Rend Collective

My Lighthouse - Rend Collective

[The Patience song](#) - Cheeky Pandas - You Tube



**11 The Lord's Prayer**

Use the same version as the school.

Or ask people to pray using whichever version they know.



**12 Blessing**

Say: We are now to go out, empowered by Jesus' special presence with us, in communion with one another to share the Gospel with others.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. May the Lord the Lord give you patience & peace. Amen.



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