

We All Need Patience

Sometimes being patient means waiting for something. But being patient can also mean keeping your cool when someone is getting on your nerves. Maybe a small child is screaming and crying at the table next to you in a restaurant. You have to be patient. Maybe someone at school keeps bugging you. Instead of losing your temper, you must be patient with that person. God wants us to be patient with other people. To learn a Bible verse about patience, use the clocks and the written times to help you figure out which vowel to write in each blank.



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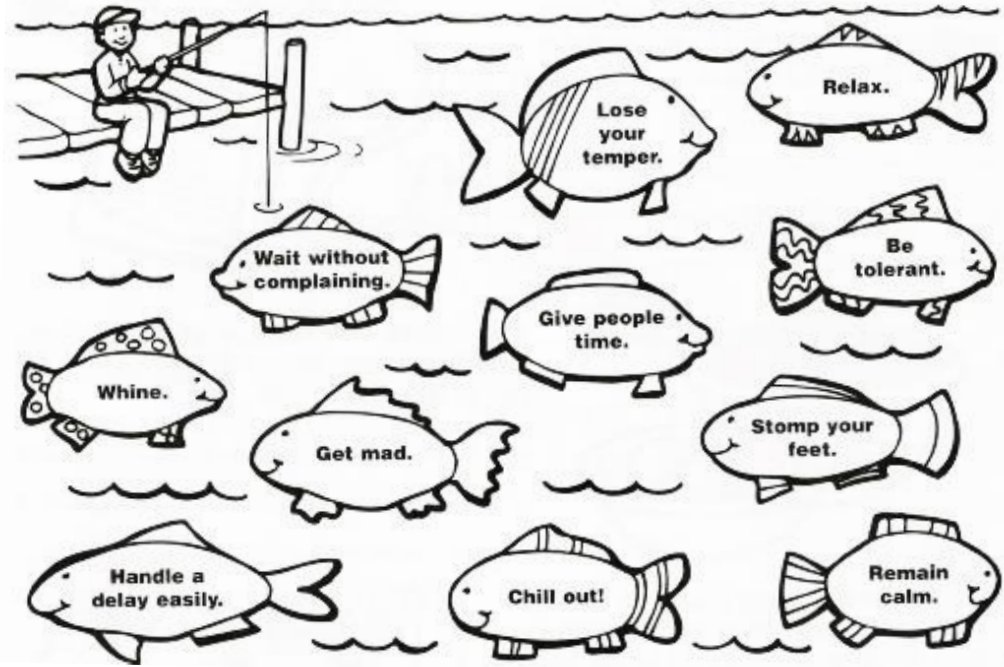
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Name _____

It takes a lot of patience to catch a fish. Help this boy catch some! Draw his fishing line from fish to fish, connecting only the ones that tell how to have patience. Don't catch the others!



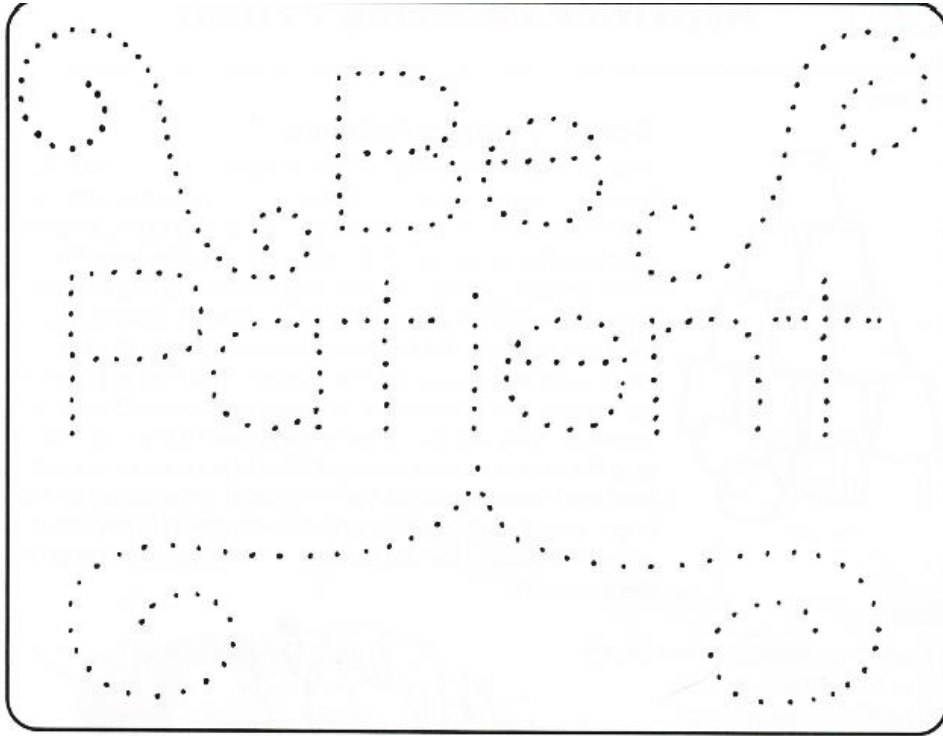
Questions:

When is it hard to be patient?

What is the benefit of being patient?

What happens when a farmer plants a field and waits?

The Bible tells us to be patient. When we are able to wait for things, we will be blessed with a calm, peaceful mind. It will show our faith in God to give us what we need.



Tape a piece of black construction paper to the back of this page. Use a straight pin to punch holes in every little dot in the words and design above. This takes patience! When you are finished, remove the tape. Hold the black page up to the light or display it in a window. Can you read the message?

To be patient means ...

- to wait without complaining
- to endure hardship with self-control
- to hold on for a while
- to stick it out
- to handle trouble without getting upset
- to be tolerant of other people's ways
- to remain calm during a delay
- not losing your temper
- not getting angry in a stressful situation

James 5:7, 8 says, "Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient." Look at the first picture of the patient farmer. Then look at the second picture and find 8 things that are different. Circle them. Then color the pictures.

