

## Scribbled Truths about Patience



Hi everyone, welcome to this edition of Scribbled Truths looking at Patience.

### Pumpkin Pie

The autumn before last my son really wanted to grow some pumpkins so that he could make pumpkin pie with his dad for Thanksgiving (his dad is American). However, when we looked up how to grow pumpkins we realised he had left it much too late to start growing any.

He had to wait six whole months before he could start growing them but even then he couldn't just stick the seed in the ground. First he had to plant the seed in a pot inside until it grew into a seedling plant, then he had to prepare the soil outside, plant the seedling, water it (they like a lot of watering), feed it special plant food, prune it, raise up the fruit off the ground when it started to grow, turn the fruit so it could grow and colour evenly and eventually seven months later he had a pumpkin!

He wasn't finished yet though, then he had to pick the pumpkin, prepare it and follow the recipe to make the pie before finally, after waiting patiently for over a year, he got to enjoy his Thanksgiving pumpkin pie. Looking forward to enjoying that pie had really helped him to patiently wait for so long.



### Into the Bible

The Bible is a special book for Christians and has a lot to say about patience. In the book of James in chapter 5, verses 7-8 we hear Christians being compared to patient farmers.

*'Brothers and sisters, be patient; the Lord will come. So be patient until that time. Look at the farmers. They have to be patient. They have to wait for their valuable crop to grow and produce a harvest. They wait patiently for the first rain and the last rain. You must be patient too. Never stop hoping. The Lord is coming soon.'* (this is from the Easy-to-Read Bible version).

## Questions

What would happen if a farmer tried to harvest their crop too early?  
Have you ever had to wait patiently for anything?  
What helped you to be patient?



## Patience game

Can you be a seed waiting patiently to grow?

### You will need:

A timer or an analogue clock with a second hand.  
At least two people.  
Some space.  
Some patience!



### How to play:

Have one person be the timer.  
Everyone else needs to crouch down on the floor, tuck themselves into a small bundle, like a seed, and close their eyes so they can't see the clock/timer or any of the other seeds.  
When everyone is in place, the timer starts the game by calling 'ready, steady, grow'.  
When they think that a minute has passed they start to 'grow' by standing up slowly and quietly.  
The timer needs to make a note of how long it takes all the seeds to grow (how many seconds/minutes did each person take to stand up).  
Once all the seeds have grown (everyone has stood up), the timer then tells everyone who was closest to the minute.  
The seed that was closest to the minute when they grew is the winner.

## Patience craft



Gather some seeds (maybe apple seeds, orange seeds), rice, lentils, pasta, etc and use them to make a collage.  
First you will need to draw an outline of what your picture will be, then using some safe glue (PVA is a good glue to use or a glue stick), stick down the seeds, rice, lentils or pasta to make the picture appear.  
It will take patience to get the little seeds and grains to stay where you want them too and to wait for the glue to dry.

