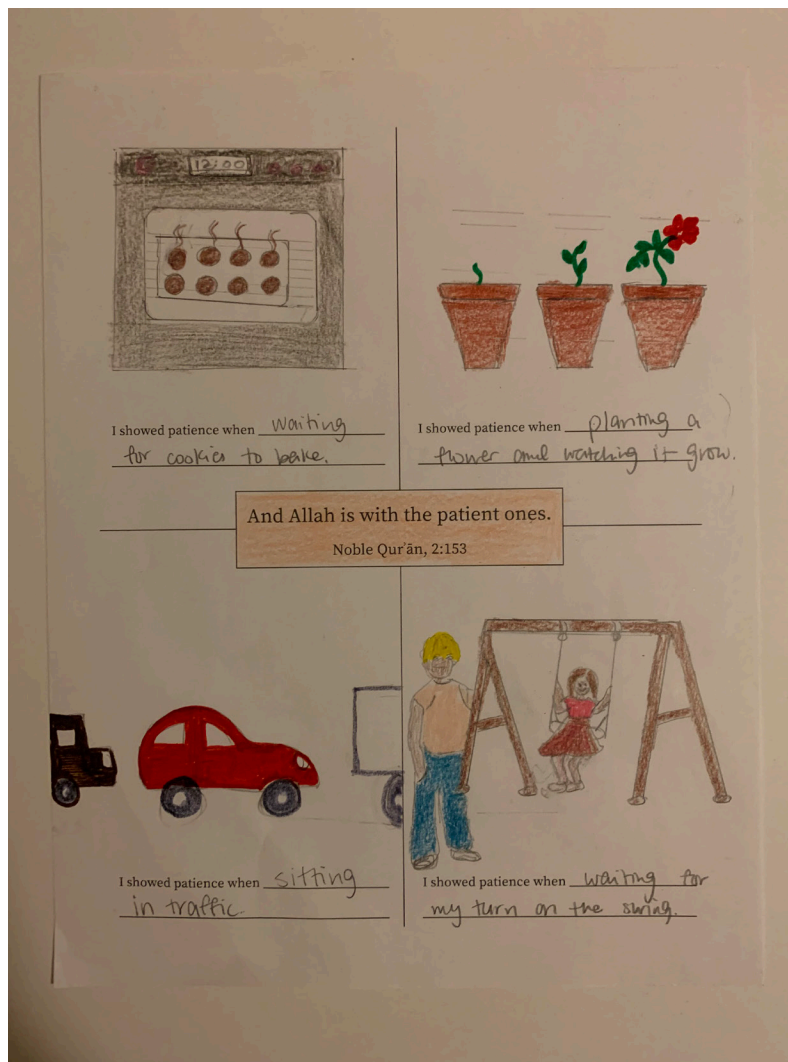


Try, Try Again

"And Allah is with the patient ones."

Noble Qur'ān, 2:153



Lesson 7: Try, Try Again

Objective: Children will learn about being patient and persevering in difficulties.

“Try, try again!” We all have been hearing this phrase since we were little and people say it all the time. But we all know that it is not very easy to keep trying especially if you have already tried multiple times. Have you ever crumbled up a drawing that you made or scribbled all over it in frustration because you think it is not perfect? In moments like this, when we feel like giving up, we should remember that being patient and keeping on trying is the only way we will succeed.

We will find that in a lot of situations in life, we need to be patient and persevere – continue to do something even when it is difficult. Allah reassures us in the Qur’ān when He says, “*And Allah is with the patient ones.*”¹ When our parents are upset with us, instead of getting angry at them, we should be patient and Allah will help us with that. When we feel like our homework is too hard, instead of feeling frustrated and giving up, we can take a deep breath, remember that Allah is with us, say bismillāh, and try again. Inshā’Allāh we will be successful.

Although we cannot compare our problems to those faced by the people in Karbala, we can learn the importance of patience and perseverance from them. Despite facing inexplicable difficulties, Imām Ḥusayn (‘a), his family, and his companions remained patient and calm. They did not complain. They kept praying and knew that Allah was with them. The success of those at Karbala reminds us that we can also achieve our goals by being patient and not giving up. Let’s do an activity to learn how we can show patience in different situations.

¹Noble Qur’ān, 2:153

Patience Activity

Suggested Ages: 5+

Time: 40 minutes

Materials:

- Patience activity
- Crayons/colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue

Procedure:

1. Think about different times when you had to show patience.
2. Draw pictures of you showing patience at those times.
3. Finish the sentence for each one.

I showed patience when _____

I showed patience when _____

And Allah is with the patient ones.

Noble Qur'ān, 2:153

I showed patience when _____

I showed patience when _____
