

Week one day 1

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE REALLY GOOD AT SOMETHING RIGHT AWAY? Maybe at running, playing the violin, or understanding a math concept? It can be hard to be patient and wait to be good at something! But that's what life is—it's a process. It takes time to learn and grow our talents and faith.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

2 PETER 3:18

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Growing.

Help me to be patient with the growth process and to glorify You in the process.

In Jesus' name, amen.

CIRCLE WHAT 2 PETER 3:18 SAYS:

A Understand the grace and knowledge of Jesus right now.

B Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Scripture says to grow, which means to develop over a period of a time. So if God says it takes time to grow, then we can be patient with ourselves.

What is something you want to be good at?

What are some ways you can grow in that?

The second part of the verse says,

“To _____ be glory both now and forever!”

**WHEN IT'S ABOUT GOD'S GLORY, IT TAKES THE FOCUS
AND PRESSURE OFF OF NEEDING TO MAKE OURSELVES LOOK GOOD.**

It doesn't say, to *us* be glory. It says, to *God* be glory. Why do you think we should give God the glory?

The verse says, to God be glory:

A When you feel like it **B** on Sundays

C both now and forever

Giving God the glory now and forever will help us grow in our faith and honor God in the process.

Week one day 2

AS YOU STRIVE TO GROW IN DIFFERENT AREAS, INCLUDING YOUR FAITH, be patient with yourself when you mess up. God did not create you as a robot, but as a human, who has feelings and imperfections. God knows that growing is a process. That's why His Word says,

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free."

ROMANS 8:1-2

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Growing.

And thank You that I am free in you
and fully forgiven.

In Jesus' name, amen.



Condemnation means finding someone guilty and dooming them to punishment.

But because Jesus rose on the third day, there is
“now _____ condemnation for those who are in
_____.”

Hallelujah! What do you think about God taking away your sin by what He did for you on the cross?



Why can we be patient with ourselves when we fall short?

The rest of the verse says, “through Christ
_____ the law of the _____
who gives _____ has set you _____.”

In other words, in Christ, you are free and forgiven. Write a note to the Lord about how you feel about that:

A pink spiral-bound notebook with lined pages. At the bottom of the notebook, there are five heart icons: three solid yellow hearts and two outlined yellow hearts.

Week one day 3

JUST AS A FARMER HAS TO PATIENTLY WAIT FOR HIS LAND TO YIELD A CROP, GROWING TAKES TIME AND PATIENCE.

For example, carrots can take more than 50 days to grow, and they grow best in the spring and fall. So, you have to wait for the right season and then you have to wait for them to grow.

One of the things we have to wait for is Jesus coming again. James, one of Jesus' disciples who wrote the Bible book, James, tells us:

“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.”

JAMES 5:7-8

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Growing.

Help me to be patient as I grow in faith and
as I wait for You to come again.

In Jesus' name, amen.

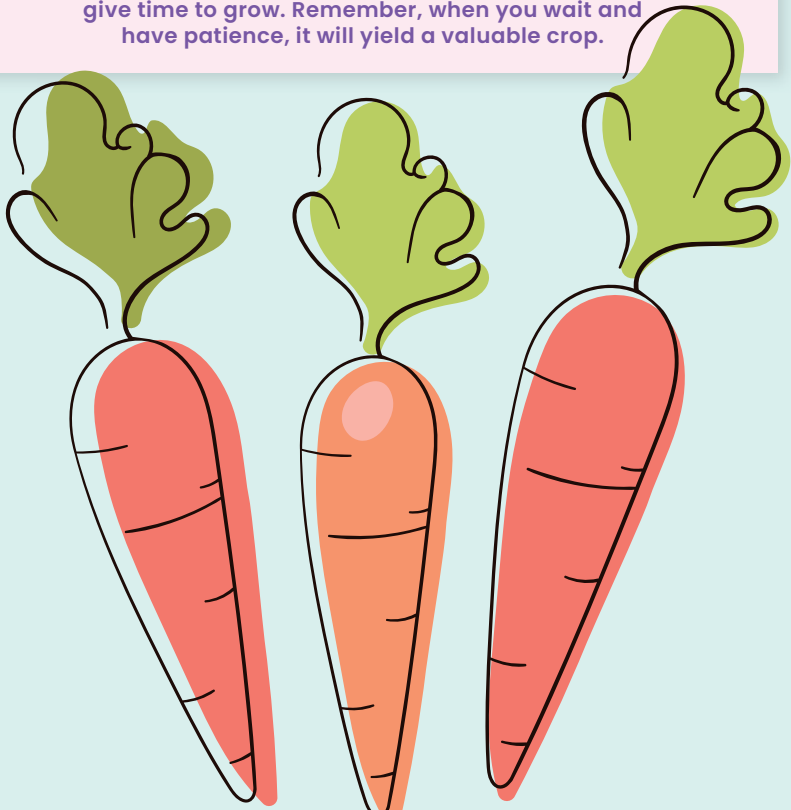


Circle all the words in James 5:7-8 that have to do with waiting and patience. Then, fill in the blanks:

Be _____, then brothers and sisters.
See how the farmer _____ for the land to yield
it's valuable crop,
_____ for the autumn
and spring rains.

You too, be _____ and stand _____,
because the Lord's coming is near.

Whew! That's a whole lot of waiting and patience. In the carrots below, write some things that you need to have patience for and give time to grow. Remember, when you wait and have patience, it will yield a valuable crop.



Week one day 4

THERE'S A LOT OF TALK IN THE BIBLE ABOUT CROPS AND BEARING FRUIT.

In James 5:7-8, we learned that a “valuable” crop can be grown if we are patient and give ourselves time to grow in our faith. If we don’t have patience to grow in different areas and just give up, then we won’t produce the fruit that God wants to grow in us. Jesus also said that the growing of the kingdom of God is like harvesting a crop and takes time.

“The kingdom of God is like this,” [Jesus] said. “A man scatters seed on the ground; he sleeps and rises—night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows—he doesn’t know how. The soil produces a crop by itself—first the blade, then the head, and then the ripe grain on the head. But as soon as the crop is ready, he sends for the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

MARK 4:26-29

Heart



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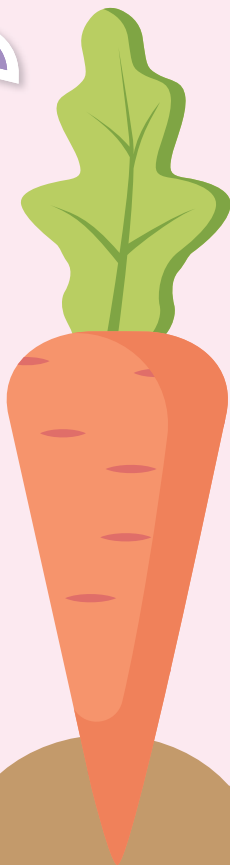
Lord, Thank You that I am Growing.

Just like growing a crop comes in steps and seasons, help me to be patient as I grow in my faith.
In Jesus’ name, amen.

In Mark 4, Jesus said that after a man scattered seed, it took time—day and night—for the crop to grow.

The carrot on the left doesn't have enough resources to help it grow, so it is very small. The carrot on the right has just what it needs to grow—a lot of nutrients, sunlight, and water, and it is flourishing.

IN THE SAME WAY, WHEN WE TAKE STEPS TO GROW IN OUR FAITH, WE WILL FLOURISH. NEXT TO THE CARROT, WRITE WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP GROW YOUR FAITH.



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Week one day 5

HAVE YOU EVER HAD A BIG IDEA OR VISION?

Nehemiah was a man in the Bible who worked for the Persian king. He heard the news of the broken-down walls of Jerusalem and it broke his heart. So, he got a big vision—to rebuild the walls. Some people were really mean and tried to get him to stop. But he was patient and steadfast, and took the time to build the wall step by step. It took almost two months, but he stayed focused on the vision, completed it, and found joy in the Lord throughout the process.

“Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

NEHEMIAH 8:10

Heart  treasure

Lord, Thank You that I am Growing.

Just like Nehemiah was patient and found his joy and strength in You while fulfilling his vision, help me to do the same.

In Jesus' name, amen.