

Sunday 13 September 2020

You can see God wherever you see love,
joy, peace, **PATIENCE**, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and
self control



Prayer:

God, sometimes it's hard to wait.
I get squirmy or I want something NOW!
Help me to wait without complaining and
to be more patient.

Amen

Read: Healing at the Pool

John 5:1-9

Later Jesus went to Jerusalem for a special Jewish feast. In Jerusalem there is a pool with five covered porches. In the Jewish language it is called Bethesda. This pool is near the Sheep Gate. Many sick people were lying on the porches beside the pool. Some were blind, some were crippled, and some were paralysed and they waited for the water to move. Sometimes an angel of the Lord came down to the pool and stirred up the water. After the angel did this, the first person to go into the pool was healed from any sickness he had]. There was a man lying there who had been sick for 38 years. Jesus saw the man and knew that he had been sick for a very long time. So Jesus asked him, "Do you want to be well?" The sick man answered, "Sir, there is no one to help me get into the pool when the water starts moving. I try to be the first one into the water. But when I try, someone else always goes in before I can." Then Jesus said, "Stand up. Pick up your mat and walk." And immediately the man was well. He picked up his mat and began to walk. The day all this happened was a Sabbath day.

How would you feel if you were the man who had waited 38 years to be able to walk again?

Patience: is being able to wait to do things instead of doing what you want to do right now and waiting with a cheerful and calm heart. Patience isn't just about waiting for your turn on the slide or waiting for the latest computer game to be released. It is about being patient with people (even those who are not easy to be with) when they mess up. God is patient with us when we make mistakes.

Each day we will face situations that test our patience. These can be small things, like someone taking their time when you are in a hurry or very big things, like waiting on God to heal a family member. As we learn to be patient in the small things, God will prepare us to go through the bigger things.

This week think of ways you can practice being patient.

- Put together a puzzle
- Wait for something to bake
- Be patient with a friend or sibling when they mess up.

To do:

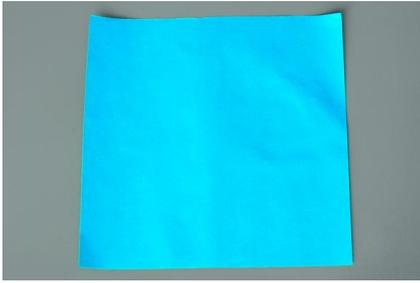
Make your own mat see page 2

As you weave, ask God to help you to be more patient.

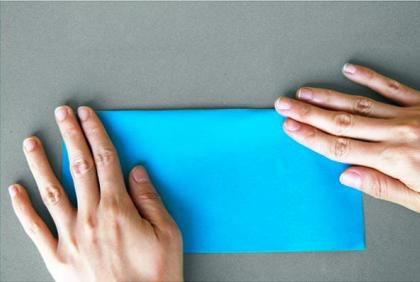
Write or draw on the paper slips areas of life where you would like to be more patient and, as you weave them, ask God to help you.

Complete Word Search see page 3

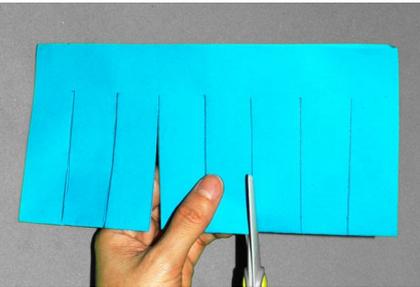
Weave your own mat



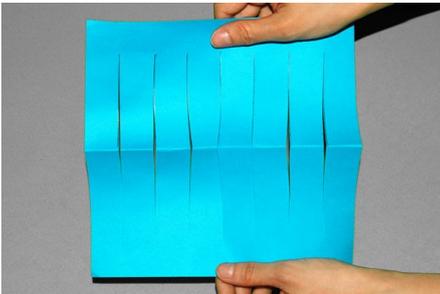
1. Take a piece of paper



2. Fold paper in half



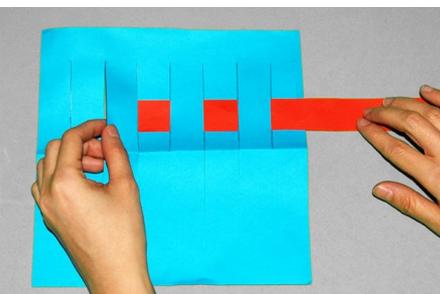
3. Cut evenly spaced slits from the folded edge and stop 2.5 cm before the top



4. Carefully unfold



5. Cut coloured paper strips about 2.5 cm wide and their length should be equal to the length of the side where you cut the splits in step 3



6. Take one paper strip and weave it across the slits, going over and under the slits. Take another strip and weave it across the slits, going under then over the slits.

Healing At The Pool

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G O K K M E T U E M L C E M O U T
W A B G Z E G N T U A L R C N K J
Y L O A C T V D H J C R U L G X C
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angel	Bethesda	bubbles	healed
Jerusalem	Jesus	lame	mat
pool	porches	praise	sabbath
stirred	walk	water	