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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 4 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:

PERSISTENCE



Read the Bible References: The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To encourage students to be determined in pursuing their goals, while trusting God to help them achieve their goals.



Lesson Takeaway:

There will always be challenges as you work towards your goal. Make up your mind that you will never give up on your goals. God is able and willing to help you achieve your goals.



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Bible References:

Mark 7:24 – 30; 10:46 – 52;
Luke 18:1 – 8; 11:5 – 10.



Explain the meaning of persistence.

To be persistent is to continue to work hard on a goal, to focus on achieving that goal no matter how hard or difficult it gets.

A persistent person does not give up because of a challenge; rather, he or she is motivated to keep going while focusing on the desired result.

A persistent person is passionate, has a goal in mind, highly focused, committed to learning new things that might help him or her, and can adjust or make changes if the original plan did not exactly work as intended.



What does the bible say about persistence?

We can understand persistence in the bible through experiences of people who demonstrated this virtue.

In our text, Mark 7:24-30, we read of a woman whose daughter had a demon. The woman asked Jesus to heal the daughter. Jesus did not answer her immediately. But she was focused on her goal to get Jesus to heal her daughter. After a few conversations, Jesus healed the daughter.

In our second text in Mark 10:46-52, we read of Bartimaeus who was blind. His goal was for his eyes to be opened. He knew Jesus does miracles and could give him back his sight. A lot of people tried to stop Bartimaeus from getting the attention of Jesus as he was leaving the city of Jericho. But the more the people tried to stop Bartimaeus, the louder he called for Jesus. What a persistent man! Jesus heard his voice and gave him back his sight.



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What does the bible say about persistence? (Contd.)

The bible encourages us to be persistent in the following:

- Continue steadfastly in prayers (1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Chronicles 16:11; Ephesians 6:18).
- Continue in faith, waiting for God to fulfil His promises (Hebrews 10:36).
- Continue in fellowship with other believers (Hebrews 10:25).
- Continue steadfastly in good works (Galatians 6:9; 2 Thessalonians 3:13; 1 Corinthians 15:58).
- Continue in getting to know the word of God more and more (1 Timothy 4:16; John 15:7).
- Continue in giving praises to God (Hebrews 13:15).



How can God help us to be persistent today?

One fact you should know is that there will always be challenges.

A more important fact is that God is greater than any challenge you can think of. "...If God is for us, who can be against us? ...In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:31,37).

The bible, God's word, has all that we need to remain persistent even when we face challenges. When we read the bible regularly, we will know the wonderful plans of God for our lives, grow in faith, and know what to do when we are getting discouraged and tired.

Below are some things you can do to remain persistent:

- Focus on your goal. Always ask, "what am I trying to achieve?"
- Determine to stay motivated. Always ask, "why am I doing this?"
- Shut down every negative thought and say positive words about you and your situation.
- Focus on the good things God has done for you in the past.
- Read and believe God's promises for you in the bible.
- Stay away from friends that distract you from reaching your goals.
- Be willing to learn from your mistakes and the mistake of others.



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How can God help us to be persistent today? - (Contd.)

God is willing to help you reach your goals. While the world says, “believe in yourself”, God says, “believe in me”. While the world says, “you can do it all by yourself”, God says, “you can do nothing apart from me”.

You don't have to go through life figuring everything out by yourself. Let God help you. He has good plans for you and if you allow Him, you will go beyond what you had imagined for yourself.



Memorize:

Luke 11:9 - “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you”.



Questions:

- (i) Mention other people in the bible who remained persistent in pursuing their goals.
- (ii) What can you do when you feel like giving up on your goals? How can you remain persistent?



Remember: There will always be challenges as you work towards your goal. Make up your mind that you will never give up on your goals. God is able and willing to help you achieve your goals.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank you for giving me the ability to dream, make plans and set goals. I know there are challenges I need to overcome as I work towards achieving my goal. Help me Lord never to give up but continue to pursue my goals by your grace and power. I ask these in Jesus' name. Amen.



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