

Tarbiyya

Perseverance

Adamu and the Blacksmith

Adamu was born in Kaduna. His first visit to his father's village was an unforgettable experience. On the first morning, Adamu went for a walk around the village.

Adamu came across a blacksmith on his walk. The blacksmith was sweating profusely as he brought down his hammer repeatedly at a hoe he was making. As a city boy, this was a new sight for Adamu, so he went into the shop. After greeting the blacksmith, Adamu asked politely if he could stay and watch. The blacksmith pointed to an old wooden stool at the corner of the shop. Adamu accepted his offer, thanked him and sat down.

While the blacksmith worked, there was a constant clanging sound of metal hitting metal. Adamu and the blacksmith talked at the top of their voices so that they could hear each other above the noise. The blacksmith described how he built and maintained the fire that was needed to heat the metals. He explained that the quality of a piece depended on how long the blacksmith was willing to patiently hit it time after time. With each stroke, the blacksmith got rid of impurities in the metal, making it stronger.

Late in the afternoon, Adamu left the blacksmith with genuine gratitude. He had learned a lot about metals. More importantly, Adamu learned a valuable lesson about life: good things do not always come easy. Achieving good things is a long process, so you must be willing to accept the challenges and persevere.

A story from southern Kaduna



Situations Needing Perseverance



Hello again! Do you remember what the word Perseverance means? It means to choose to keep trying, even when there are challenges. Perseverance can help us succeed in many different situations.

1.

Reading is so hard!



Perseverance helps us learn more at school.

2.



Perseverance helps us have fun while playing with our friends.

Just take it! Nobody will know.

3.



Perseverance helps us do the right thing when people pressure us to do wrong things.

4.

Do your chores!



Perseverance helps us have harmony in our families.

5.



Perseverance helps us succeed in life.

Tips for Persevering



When you are faced with a challenge, there are some skills that can help you persevere.

1.



If I practice reading, I can get better.

Practice helps you persevere. The more you practice, the better you will get.



3.



When will it be dinner time? I am so hungry!

Be patient. Good things come to those who can wait well.

5.



This tree is taking so long to grow.

Have a growth mindset. You are growing every day, even when you might not always see it.

2.



I don't want to quarrel. You can play with the ball now. I will play with it when you are finished.

We all make mistakes. It is ok to make mistakes, as long as you learn from them.

Life is hard now. But I remember when I hurt myself before. I persevered, and soon I felt better!

4.



Encourage yourself by remembering times that you persevered in the past. This can help you persevere again.

Home Connection

Family Discussion Instructions:

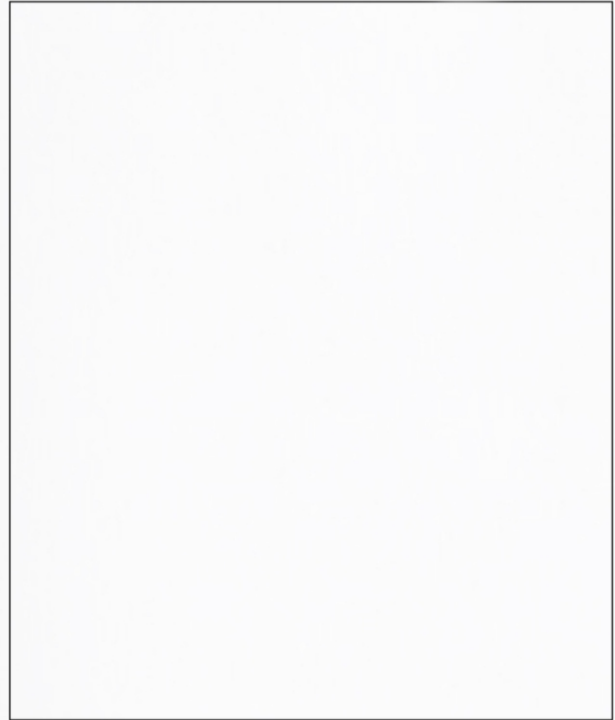
Answer the following questions to your child.

1. Pam Perseverance said that perseverance can help us at school and when playing with friends. It also helps us do the right thing when people pressure us, have harmony in our families, and succeed in life. What is a situation that has required or is currently requiring perseverance for you?
2. We also learned some tips for persevering. What tips can you give to help your child persevere?

Drawing Activity

Instructions:

Guide your child in drawing a picture of a time that you the parent persevered. Let your child do the drawing even if it is imperfect. This will help your child learn more about perseverance, as well as strengthen their hands, which will improve their handwriting skills.



Word Search

Instructions: Help Pam Perseverance find the following words.
The words can go horizontally or vertically.

Perseverance
School
Friends
Right thing
Family

Success
Life
Practice
Mistake
Patience

Growth
Mindset
Remember
Encourage

P	E	R	S	E	V	E	R	A	N	C	E
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