

Discussion Ideas

Choose strategies from the list below to facilitate group discussion.

☞ Connecting Activity

Ask each person to share about a time they had to work hard at something. What were the results of their hard work?

☞ Discussion Questions

1. How do you see Bahati change as he deals with his injury? Give specific examples from the story.
 - *He becomes more of a thinker; perseveres; learns patience.*
2. What did Master K trade for fame and money? Do you think this was a good trade? Explain your answer.
 - *His education and character; he lost far more than he gained.*
3. What are the results of perseverance in Bahati's life?
 - *He learns about himself, grows in character, and his ankle heals.*
4. ► Identify the character traits you see in Bahati in this story. Then identify the character traits you see in Master K. Who do you think is truly successful? Why?
 - *Bahati—patience, perseverance; Master K—impatience, disrespect, pride; Bahati will succeed because he is developing character.*
5. ► Think about a time you have had to persevere in life, to keep on going like Bahati even when it was hard. What kept you going?
 - *Hope for something better; the help of friends, family; faith; a commitment to do what was right; etc.*
6. ► Thinking about the same situation, what did you learn about yourself?
 - *Learnt I can persevere; learnt what's really important to me; patience; etc.*

☞ Personal Growth Activity

Ask an adult you respect to tell you about a time in their life when they had to persevere. What did they learn from the experience?



☞ Spiritual Application

Read Colossians 3:12. Then ask: What kind of life does God call you to in this verse? According to this verse, how do these character traits become a part of your life?

☞ Prayer Point

Ask God to clothe each person in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Pray for courage to persevere through the challenges of life and for growth.

☞ Encouragement

Remind group members that they are free to choose who they will become. Encourage them to stay fixed on their goals and dreams, even when it's hard. Consider inviting someone you know who has overcome a challenge with perseverance to come and share their story with the group.

Grandma's Wisdom

Master K turned out to be not as great as everyone said he was. Sometimes people are not who they appear to be on the outside. In time our true character shows. You can't hide what's on the inside very long. It takes courage to be a person of character. Character is something that no one can build for you, and no one can take from you. You are free to choose who you want to be. Choose wisely.

