

Practice

We can learn to do new things if we practice them over and over again.

So practice and observe what they tell you.

Matthew 23:3

Practice with Peas

Bryan's hand shook as he lifted the baby spoon to his lips. Some of the mashed peas slid into his mouth. Most dripped onto his shirt. Bryan scowled, but tried again to scoop up some peas and bring them to his mouth. Once again, most of the peas wound up on his clothing. Bryan threw down his spoon and started to cry. He wanted to feed himself just like a big boy, but he just couldn't make his hands work like Mommy or Daddy's.

Mommy put the spoon back into Bryan's fingers. Giving him a quick snuggle, she told him he should try again. She knew that if he kept trying, he's soon be able to do it.

Bryan tried many times over the next few days to feed himself. Soon he found that, with practice, he was able to finally do it.

It takes work, and practice, to learn to do new things. Jesus would be proud of the way Bryan kept trying to learn to feed himself, even though it was hard for him. Jesus wants us to learn new things. "Practice" is just one of the many ways we can do that.

Your Turn:

1. What did Bryan want to learn to do?
2. How did Bryan finally learn to feed himself?
3. Can you think of something that you learned to do by practicing it over and over again?

Prayer

Dear Jesus, please help me to remember that if I practice long enough, I can learn to do new things, Amen.