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- 1 King Robert the Bruce of Scotland had been defeated in battle and was pursued by his enemies. He hid in a cave and thought over his defeat and his difficulties. He had little hope left, and thought he should give up the struggle.
 - 2 At that moment he saw a spider dangling by a long thread. It was trying to climb back up to its web, but kept falling back. The spider persevered and eventually succeeded in what it had set out to do.
 - 3 King Robert the Bruce often told this story to remind others of the lesson he learned from the spider - to "stick with it" even though there are setbacks. He died on this day in 1329.
 - 4 *Let us pray:*

**Lord,
show me how to learn from others,
how to be patient,
and how to persevere. Amen.**

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