

# ROAD TRIP



*Some things are worth the wait*

456 SMALL GROUP

## WEEK THREE

**BIBLE STORY:** Are We There Yet? - Proverbs 14:29 NIV

**Key Question:** What do you do when it's hard to wait?

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord!" - Psalm 27:14, NIV

**LIFE APP:** Peace - Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument

**BASIC TRUTH:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated

This week's key question is "[What do you do when it's hard to wait?](#)" Having a plan for your impatience is important. Rather than just letting your frustration get to you, you can know the steps you can take to make sure that you don't lose your cool. We want kids to discover how they can make patience a priority.

# PATIENCE



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## SNAPSHOT

(Activity for Group Understanding)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** N/A

- Sit in a circle as a group.
- Choose a volunteer and ask him to take a deep breath then begin talking about the topic of patience or impatience until he runs out of breath.
  - He can tell a true story, make up a story, give a definition, share a verse related to the topic, tell what he's learned this month, and so on.
- If needed, offer a few starters such as the ones below to prompt ideas:
  - I need to take a deep breath and remember to be patient when . . .
  - Impatience reminds me of . . .
  - Something I don't understand about patience is . . .
  - I wasn't very patient when . . .
  - I think patience matters because . . .

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## DISCUSSION

(Activity for Group Growth)

WHAT YOU NEED: N/A

- Why is it harder to be patient with certain people than with others?
- If you know that someone is difficult for you to be around and not lose your patience, how is that helpful?
- Explain why you agree or disagree with the following statements:
  - A patient person—a person who “waits for God”— is more fun to be around.
  - When I lose my temper, it’s not always my fault.
  - My friends know that I don’t mean what I say when I’m angry, which makes it okay.
- What are some ways that impatience can hurt us? How does it hurt others?
- Tell about a time when a friendship ended because someone got mad and couldn’t chill out. (No names, please.) What would it take for them to be friends again?

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## IMAGINE

(Activity for Group Creativity)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Cardstock; Bibles; Markers

- Set out the markers and give everyone a piece of cardstock and a Bible.
- Remind students about the verse they heard about today in Large Group: Proverbs 14:29.
- Tell them that there are many other verses in the Bible that challenge us to be patient and not lose our cools.
- Assign students a verse from the list at the bottom of the page. (For your quick reference, each verse is printed in full using the NIV translation.)
- Tell everyone to write the verse reference on the back of his cardstock then look it up in his Bible.
- Using the markers, let them create a simple road sign or billboard that illustrates what they think is the main point of their verse. Suggest that they identify a key word and replace it with a picture that represents that word.
- When finished, let everyone share their signs and the verse that goes with it. Ask them how they can live out that verse this week.
- Close the activity by reminding students that if we call ourselves followers of Jesus, our lives should show it.
  - We don't wear a "sign" that says we're following Christ, but when we keep our cools with someone when they annoy us or when they let us down, we become walking, talking, living signs that demonstrate God's kind of patience.
- Galatians 5:22-23 - "But the fruit of the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself. There is no law against things of that kind."
- Colossians 3:12 - "You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes. Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient."
- Psalm 40:1 - "I was patient while I waited for the Lord. He turned to me and heard my cry for help."

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- Proverbs 14:29 - "Anyone who is patient has great understanding. But anyone who gets angry quickly shows how foolish he is."
- Proverbs 15:18 - "A man who burns with anger stirs up fights. But a person who is patient calms things down."
- Ephesians 4:2 - "Don't be proud at all. Be completely gentle. Be patient. Put up with one another in love."

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