



WEEK
FOUR
JUNE 2022

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



Before kids arrive, pray for patience as you seek to lead your kids today and model what they can do when they're feeling impatient. Ask God for insight into each of your kids' lives so you can speak to them personally and individually.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Let it Go
Patience Principle
Proverbs 15:18

JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, "Summer Mingle" Activity Pages, pens or pencils

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What can you do when you're feeling impatient?

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a copy of the "Summer Mingle" Activity Page and something to write with.
- Point out that the paper is full of squares with various summer activities listed in each square on the grid.
- Instruct kids to mingle around and find out if anyone has done any of the listed activities so far this summer.
- If someone has completed it, they will sign their name on the square with the corresponding activity.
- The first kid to get all their squares filled with signatures is the winner.
- To make it more challenging (and if you have enough kids), make a rule that no one can have the same name twice on their sheet. (Or no more than two times.)
 - Consider playing this game with all of the kids in the preteen environment to make it more fun and challenging.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Be patient with each other.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"The fruit 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."
Galatians 5:22-23a, NIV

MAKE WAVES

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25 MINUTES

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What are some situations where you tend to lose your patience?
- Do you have particular people in your life with whom it is extra difficult to have patience?
- Why is it so important to be patient with each other?
- What are some ways that you can help yourself calm down when you are getting impatient or upset?
- When we choose to be patient, what does that tell other people about God?

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an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Dry erase board or large piece of paper, dry erase marker or regular marker, Jenga® game

WHAT YOU DO:

- Write the words to Proverbs 15:18 on the board or a large piece of paper so all the kids can see it.
- Play a group game of Jenga.
- Choose one kid to go first.
- They will say the first word from the verse and then remove a block from the stack.
- Continue with each word of the verse, having a kid remove a block for their turn. Keep going until the stack of blocks falls down.
- If the stack falls down before you get through the entire verse, rebuild the stack, and play again, starting from the word you left off with in the first round.
- Ask this question: When we think about Proverbs 15:18, how do these blocks represent patience? *(Our impatience can build slowly, much like blocks being removed one at a time, until we can tend to explode. When that happens, everything can come crashing down, causing a mess. And then it can sometimes take time and effort to rebuild a relationship if we've caused hurt because we were not patient.)*

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Straws, small bouncy ball

WHAT YOU DO:

- Sit in a circle, and hand every kid a straw.
- Choose a kid to start and hand them the ball.
- Explain that they will start off by saying sharing with the group something they would like everyone to pray for.
- Then, they will place the ball on the floor and use their straw to blow the ball across the floor to another person in the group.
- Once the ball reaches that person, they will then share a prayer request with the group.
- Then that person can choose someone to pass the ball to next, using the same straw technique.
- Continue until everyone has had a chance to share a prayer request with the group.
- For kids who may have a hard time thinking of something to share, be sure to ask questions to prompt possible prayer request ideas. (i.e., Do you have anything major coming up this week? Is there anything that has been irritating you lately? Are you traveling soon?)
- Once everyone has shared their requests, tell everyone you are proud of the patience they all had with this unique method of taking turns.
- Ask if anyone would like to pray for the group before you dismiss. If no one volunteers, be ready to pray:

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, we are so thankful You are patient with us all the time. Help us all follow Your example as we encounter situations that cause us to become impatient easily. We lift up each of our friends here today. Help us remember to pray for each other throughout the week ahead. We love You so much, God. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

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