

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Let It Go
Patience Principle
Proverbs 15:18

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Be patient with each other.

HOST

- Other Small Group Leader(s) or Worship Leader(s) who can facilitate the game, if needed

STORY SUPPLIES

- Host
- Bible
- Printed script (for the Storyteller)
- Chair
- Remote control
- Optional pre-recorded audio clips of the Host's "thoughts" (see "What You Do")
- Optional kitchen timer that makes a ticking noise—needs to be precise enough to set 30 seconds

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS: - SUMMER IS HERE!!!!

- **MAKE WAVES** What you do today can change the world around you
 - All month long, we will be talking about what it would look like if we could **CHANGE** the world around us
 - To **MAKE WAVES** means that we are being intentional about what we do each day because it can have bigger effects than we could ever imagine

- STARTING NEXT WEEK FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

- **AFTER EACH SERVICE, WE'LL BE HAVING SOME FUN ACTIVITIES IN THE COURTYARD -- YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT**
- **INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN YOU FOR ONE OF OUR WEEKENDS IN JULY**

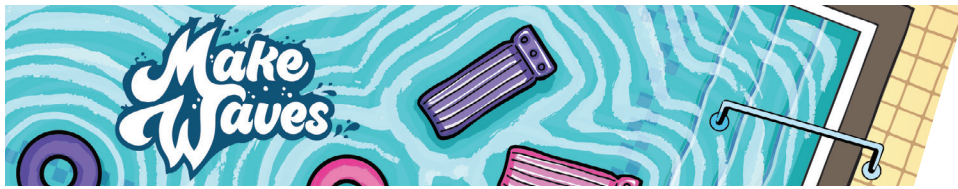
MONTHLY WORSHIP LINEUP:

Week 1 - Never Gonna Stop Singing & Let Go

Week 2 - This is Living & Graves Into Gardens

Week 3 - The Best Is Yet to Come & Who You Say I Am

Week 4 - Real Love & Waymaker



PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

25 MINUTES

10 MINUTES

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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

What you do today can change the world around you.

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.

LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.
SLIDE: THEME
OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter

WORSHIP LEADER:

AUDIO: REAL LOVE

AUDIO: WAY MAKER

Host enters.

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)
OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! We're having fun this summer at [your environment's name] as we find out how we can make waves. You can make waves by splashing in a pool. That's fun; I'm not gonna to lie. But you can MAKE WAVES in this world with the help of God's Spirit.

Remember . . .

SLIDE: LIFE APP

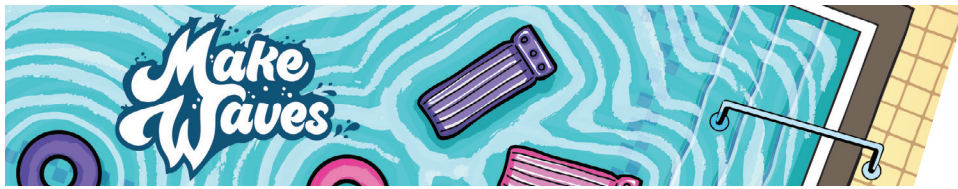
OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP

"What you do today can change the world around you.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME

"Raise your hand if you think this world needs more love, more joy, more peace, and more patience? (Raise your hand.) Me, too!



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Those are the kinds of things that will show up in our lives when we put our faith in Jesus. God's Spirit HELPS us show those things. That's how we can make waves and make a difference for others!

"I've got a pretty fun way that we can make waves as we get started today. Raise your hand if you've ever been to a big stadium to see a baseball game, football game, or really big concert. *(Pause for response.)* If you've ever been somewhere like that with a really big crowd, then you know how much fun those events can be!

"I always think it's really fun when you're at a game then they put the camera on the crowd and everyone starts dancing. Let's do that now! Dance party!

AUDIO: FUN DANCE MUSIC (FOR ABOUT 15 SECONDS)

Dance with the kids.

"I love that! It's so much fun! How about this. Have you ever seen 'the wave' happen in a big stadium? It looks like this.

SLIDE: PEOPLE DOING "THE WAVE"

"Somebody stands up, with their hands in the air, then sits back down again. Then the next person does it, then the next, until there's a huge wave moving around the arena! It's pretty cool!

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

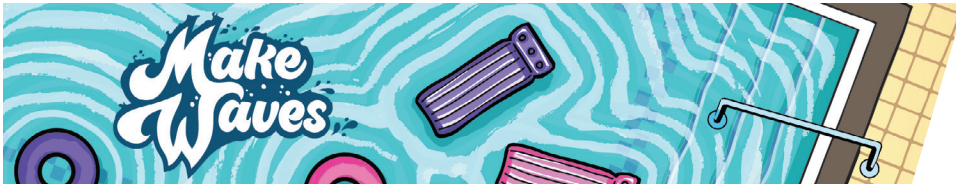
"I thought today we could do our own version of 'the wave.' First, let's all get in one big circle. Then look at me so you know what to do next!

Give the kids some time to form a giant circle around the room.

Note: If you have lots of kids, you may want to consider two or even three large circles in the room. That way, the game won't take too long. In that case, you'll need to pre-select other Small Group Leader(s) or Worship Leader(s) who can start the motions and facilitate the game in the other circle(s).

"Okay! Great. Here's how this will work. Remember, we're making our OWN version of 'the wave.' I'll do a motion first, then we'll ALL do that same motion, one at a time, until we make it all the way around the circle. Ready to try it? Let's go!

AUDIO: FUN MUSIC



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*Do a movement or motion, then make sure the rest of the circle follows you, in order.
Suggestions: traditional wave, hand clap, foot stomp, spin around, chicken flap, frog hop, all the moves at once, etc.*

Encourage the kids as they do the motions. In later rounds, have some fun with it by urging them to go faster and faster.

"Well, that was really awesome! Give yourselves a hand."



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BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

Storyteller enters.

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Hi, everyone! I'm excited to be here with you as we talk about how we can make waves. With the help of God's Spirit, we can make a big difference in this world! We can share God's love with others. We can choose joy. We can make peace. And what we're talking about today: we can show PATIENCE.

"Let me ask you something. When do you think you might need some patience? *(Pause.)* Right—when you have to wait for something. But we don't just need patience for things. We also need to have patience with each OTHER.

(Hold up Bible.) "King Solomon was one of the wisest people who ever lived. He had amazing wisdom from God. Many of Solomon's wise sayings were collected here in the Bible, in the book of Proverbs.

"Let's hear what Solomon had to say about patience.

Open the Bible to Proverbs 15:18 (NirV) and read.

"A person with a bad temper stirs up conflict. But a person who is patient calms things down.

"Did you catch that? Let me read it again.

"A person with a bad temper stirs up conflict. But a person who is patient calms things down.

"I've asked [Host's name] to help us show what that might look like in our lives today.

(calling backstage) "Oh, [Host's name]. Are you there?"

Host enters and waves.

HOST: "I'm here! I'm excited!"

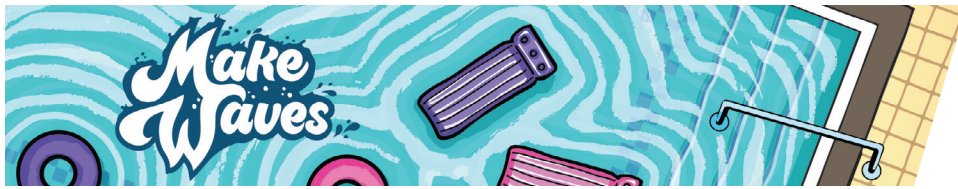
SCENARIO #1: CAR RIDE

STORYTELLER: "Okay. Now, [Host's name] is one of the most patient people I know. But even [he/she] knows that it isn't always easy to be patient."

HOST: "That's true."

STORYTELLER: "[Host's name], I'll give you a series of scenarios that any of us in this room might face on any given day. For each of these scenarios, I need you to please tell us what you're thinking. Just say it right out loud so we can hear.

"But there's a catch. You need to KEEP thinking for 30 whole seconds. You'll hear the sound of a ticking clock. You need to keep talking and sharing what's going on inside your head . . . until you hear the bell ring. Sound good?"



HOST: "I can do that! Sounds like fun."

STORYTELLER: "Okay! Let's get started with our first scenario."

SLIDE: SCENE #1 (CAR INTERIOR)

Pull the chair near the Host. Motion for him/her to sit down.

(reading from the printed script) "[Host's name], you're riding in the car with your mom and your little brother. You're watching the scenery go by, and you're listening to the music. Everything's going just fine."

"BUT THEN *(dramatic gasp)*, you look over and see that your little brother's stuff has crept over the middle of the car, and now it's in YOUR seat!"

"[Host's name], let's hear your thoughts. Go!"

AUDIO: TICKING CLOCK / BELL

Note: There are two ways to do this. One way would be to do it as scripted, by playing audio cue of the ticking clock and bell, while the Host shares his/her thoughts "live."

Another way would be to pre-record the Host saying the following lines, using a simple audio app like Voice Memos. (This may be easier so that you can get the timing just right.) You can play the Voice Memo as an audio cue while the Host makes dramatic facial expressions, as if we're hearing his/her thoughts. If you do it this way, you could use an actual kitchen timer on stage for the ticking and bell sounds.

HOST: "I cannot BELIEVE that his stuff is on my side. This is MY side. That's HIS side. Ugh! I should just. *(Pause and listen to the ticking.)* Well . . . I guess I still have a lot of time left. Why doesn't he pay attention to what he's doing, though? Is he TRYING to annoy me? *(Pause.)* He's probably not TRYING to annoy me. Maybe he's just not paying attention. *(deep sigh)* God . . . please help me to be patient with him. Please?"

STORYTELLER: "Aaaannnd, time! Great job, [Host's name]. It sounded like at first, you wanted to just shout at your brother without really thinking about it. Then he'd probably shout back and . . . you get the idea. But all it took was a little bit of time to calm down. You might have just avoided a big argument over nothing."

"Remember what Solomon said?"

Open the Bible to Proverbs 15:18 (NirV) and read.

"A person with a bad temper stirs up conflict. But a person who is patient calms things down."

HOST: "Whew! I'm so relieved!"

STORYTELLER: "Me, too. Let's move on to the next scene."



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SCENARIO #2: TV SHOW

STORYTELLER: (to Host) "Now you're at home on the sofa."

SLIDE: SCENE #2 (LIVING ROOM)

"You have a friend over, and your dad says you can watch a show together."

Toss the remote to the Host, who holds it up.

HOST: "Perfect! I know what I want to watch: BLUEY!"

Host points the remote up (still facing forward) as though he/she is choosing a show.

STORYTELLER: "But there's a slight problem. Your friend says [he/she] doesn't like Bluey. Ready? Go."

AUDIO: TICKING CLOCK/BELL

HOST: (slowly, deliberately) "[He/she] doesn't . . . like . . . Bluey? HOW can you not like BLUEY? (Pause.) I'll just tell [him/her] 'Too bad. It's my remote, so I get to pick.' (Pause and listen to the ticking.) Um . . . well . . . that probably wouldn't feel too good for my friend. (Pause.) God, can you help me know what to do here? (Pause.) I could probably ask my friend what [he/she] wants to watch instead. I can always watch Bluey later."

STORYTELLER: "Nice work, [Host's name]. I'm proud of you. I bet that would make your friend feel good to be able to pick the show."

"I think we have one more scenario for you."

SCENARIO #3: SCHOOL PICK-UP

STORYTELLER: (to Host) "Now you're at school, and you're waiting for your mom to pick you up."

SLIDE: SCENE #3 (SCHOOL)

HOST: "Mmmmm. It's been a little while since I was in a room like this."

STORYTELLER: "The final bell rings, and everyone else is riding the bus or getting picked up. You watch as they all gradually leave for home. But you're still there . . . waiting. Ready? Go."

AUDIO: TICKING CLOCK/BELL

HOST: "Where IS she? (Pause.) What's she doing? (Pause.) It's so boring to wait. I'm going to act all grumpy when she picks up me so she knows how bored I was. (Pause and listen to the ticking.) Then again . . . maybe there's a reason she's late. Who knows? Maybe she got stuck in traffic. Or maybe she had a hard day at work. (Pause.) God, can you help me be patient? (Pause.) Oh, HERE she is!"

STORYTELLER: "Nice one, [Host's name]. I get it. It's never fun when you have to wait on someone. But you don't have to make the situation worse by being grumpy. You can think about what the other person might be dealing with. You can be patient with them."



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"What was Solomon's wise saying again, [Host's name]? Do you remember?"

HOST: "I do. 'A person with a bad temper stirs up conflict. But a person who is patient calms things down.'" (Proverbs 15:18, NIRV)

STORYTELLER: "You got it! Thanks for showing us how we can calm things down. (to audience) Let's give a big hand for [Host's name], everybody!"

Cheer for the Host as he/she exits.

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "I think we've all been in situations like [Host's name] just went through. It's hard to be patient when we have to wait on someone . . . or when someone frustrates us . . . or when we want things OUR way.

"In those situations, it's easy to just say the first thing on our minds. If we're not careful, we can lose our temper and say things that really hurt someone's feelings. That's why we need the help of God's Holy Spirit.

"God's Spirit can help us wait! The Spirit can help us be patient with the people God has put in our lives. It could be as simple as taking some time to talk to God when we're feeling impatient with someone, and asking God to help us.

"Let's remember to do this.

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

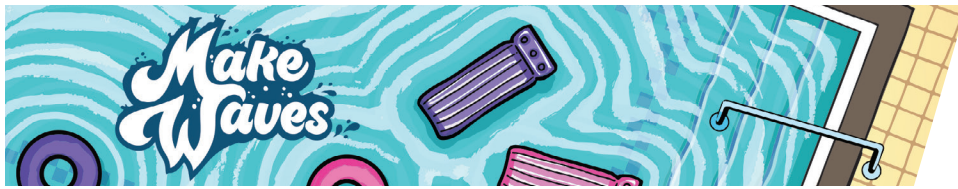
"Be patient with each other.

"Let's pray."

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for giving us Your Holy Spirit so we have help doing what You've asked us to do. We need Your help so that we can treat others with love and patience. When we feel frustrated or impatient, remind us to stop and think. Remind us that You're with us, helping us, every moment. Give us the wisdom to **be patient with each other**. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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CLOSER

Host enters as Storyteller exits.

HOST: “It was pretty clear in those examples that a little bit of patience can make a huge difference. Like Solomon said, if we lose our temper, we can make a tough situation even worse! But if we choose to act with patience, we can calm things down. We might even stop an argument from happening in the first place.

“And remember, we don’t have to do this on our own. When we put our faith in Jesus, we have the help of God’s Holy Spirit. God’s Spirit can help us **be patient with each other.**”

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

“Let’s stay that together.”

KIDS AND HOST: “**Be patient with each other.**”

HOST: “I know that I’d want other people to be patient with ME. So, it’s really important that we learn to **[Basic Truth] treat others the way we want to be treated.**”

“So the next time you feel yourself getting angry because things aren’t going your way, or someone made a huge mess in your space, or you have to wait your turn, stop and ask God for help. Choose to be patient. Choose to calm things down.

“And don’t forget—if we mess up and lose our patience, let’s take the time to apologize and make things right.

“You can talk some more in Small Group about how we can **be patient with each other.** Trust me, it’s an amazing way that we can make waves in this world! See you next time, friends!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP