

4th-5th Grade.

BIG IDEA:

Patience

BOTTOM LINE:

Be patient. Put up with one another in love.

BIBLE STORY:

Bearing with one another – Ephesians 4:2

After Large Group

BOTTOM LINE REVIEW

Use these questions to guide the kids on how they can apply the Bottom Line: **Be patient. Put up with one another in love.** Engage everyone in your group and give them a chance to share and participate in the discussion.

LEVEL UP THE DISCUSSION:

Use the idea below to encourage discussion and group participation.

SUPPLIES: NONE

1. Have kids give a thumbs-up when they know the answer to a question.
2. Give the kids a few minutes to think about their answer before you call on someone to respond.
3. Continue until all questions have been discussed.

SAY THIS

Let's review the message we just heard in Large Group and how we can apply it to our lives.

1. What do you think it means to be patient? (Let kids respond.) **It means waiting without complaining, getting mad, or giving up.**
2. Being patient can be hard. Why do you think that is? (Let kids respond.) We usually want things to happen right away.
3. **True or False:** God is patient with us when we mess up. (Let kids respond using a thumbs-up or thumbs-down.) **TRUE**
4. Why do you think God wants us to be patient with others? (Let kids respond.) **Because he is patient with us and wants us to love others well.**
5. When have you found it hardest to be patient? (Let kids respond.)
6. Who are the people we should be patient with? (Let kids respond.) **Family, friends, teachers, and kids in our class.**

7. How can you stay patient when things aren't going your way? (Let kids respond.) **Take a deep breath, pray, try to wait calmly, or choose kind words.**
8. Patience is hard, and we don't always get it right. Can you think of a time this week when you had a hard time being patient with someone? (Let kids respond.)

Those are good examples of not having patience. Thank you for sharing. So next time, what could you do differently so you can put up with one another in love? (Let kids respond.)

Let's pray and ask God to help us have patience with everyone around us.

PRAYER

Huddle up with your group and lead them in prayer.

Dear God,

Thank you that you are patient with us. Help us to have patience with the people around us and put up with one another in love. We love you. Amen.

MEGA AWESOME COSTUME PARTY INVITES

- Mega Awesome Costume Party Invites - 1 invite per kid

HOW TO

1. Pass out an invite to each kid.
2. Use the "SAY THIS" below to have kids think of some friends they want to invite to the Mega Awesome Costume Party.
3. At dismissal, connect with parents about the invitations.

SAY THIS

Think about some friends you know who would have an awesome time partying with you here. I am going to give each of you one of these cards. (Hold up the invite.) Now you can use these invites to invite some friends to join you at our Mega Awesome Costume Party!

I can't wait to meet all the friends you're going to invite. When your parents come pick you up from church, I want you to hand them these invitations and ask them to help you invite your friends to come party with us!

CONNECT WITH PARENTS



The Mega Awesome Costume Party is happening in THREE weeks! Today we talked about the friends that [KID'S NAME] would like to invite. Ask [KID'S NAME] who they'd like to come, and make a plan to invite them!

VERSE OF THE MONTH

Don't be proud at all. Be completely gentle.
Be patient. Put up with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2

VERSE ACTIVITY

- Verse Cling Activity Page - 1 per group
- Bibles

SAY THIS

LEARN IT! (Find the verse and understand what it means.)

The Bible is full of wisdom from God. Let's look up our verse to learn why God says being patient with others is so important. (Pass out Bibles and look up the verse. Demonstrate how to locate the Table of Contents to find the correct book, and explain how to find the verse based on the reference.)

Read the verse aloud from the Verse Activity Page.

LOCK IT! (Memorize the verse to lock it in our hearts.)

It's important to lock the verse in our hearts. One way we do that is with this activity.

1. Have everyone sit in a circle. Each kid will place their left hand on top of the hand of the kid to their left and their right hand under the hand of the kid to their right. Go around the circle and have each kid say one word of the verse as they slap the hand of the kid to their right.
2. The kid whose hand is slapped on the last word of the verse is out. The last kid remaining wins!

LIVE IT! (Apply the verse to the way we live every day.)

Now that we've learned the verse and locked it in, we need to live it out. Living out the verse is knowing what it means and applying it to the way we live every day.

That phrase at the end of the verse, "put up with one another," simply means to be patient with others. It shows them that what they want or need is more important than what we want. When we "put up with one another" and love the people we're with by being patient, we're treating them the way we'd want to be treated. That's how God wants us to treat the people around us. So the next time you have to wait, don't roll your eyes, don't stomp your feet, and don't whine or complain—choose patience!