

4th-5th Grade.

BIG IDEA:

Patience

BOTTOM LINE:

Having patience will keep you out of trouble.

BIBLE STORY:

A man of patience –
Proverbs 15:18

After Large Group

BOTTOM LINE REVIEW

Use these questions to guide the kids on how they can apply the Bottom Line: **Having patience will keep you out of trouble.** 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. Give kids an opportunity to lead through the questions.
2. Pass the questions to a kid and have them read the first one aloud to the group.
3. Allow another kid to ask a question. Continue until all questions have been asked.

SAY THIS

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

1. What does it mean to "stir things up"? (Let kids respond.) **It means making a situation worse or harder.**
2. Hold up a finger to show how well you stay calm when you're feeling frustrated or impatient. One being "I get upset quickly" and five being "I stay calm most of the time." (Let kids respond.) What made you pick that number? (Let kids respond.)
3. **True or False:** Choosing to be patient can help keep you out of trouble. (Let kids respond using a thumbs-up or thumbs-down.) **TRUE**
4. Turn to the person next to you and share about a time when something tested your patience this week. (Let kids respond.)
5. What was one example from Large Group where someone needed patience? (Let kids respond.) **Waiting in line, waiting for a turn, or waiting on someone else.**

6. What is one thing you can do this week when you start to feel frustrated or impatient? (Let kids respond.)
7. Today we've been talking about how having patience can keep you out of trouble. But we don't always remember that when we're about to lose our patience. **Can you share about the last time you got in trouble because you were not patient?** (Let kids respond.)

Thank you for sharing. It's not like we want to get in trouble, but in those moments, what we want to do or what we want can be all we think about. **So if you could go back to that situation, how could you have shown patience and stayed out of trouble?** (Let kids respond.)

This week, when you're feeling impatient, I want you to draw a stop sign with your finger on your wrist or your leg and say to yourself, "Having patience will keep me out of trouble." Let's pray and ask God to help us have patience this week.

PRAYER

Huddle up with your group and lead them in prayer.

Dear God,

Thank you that you are patient with us. Help us this week to be patient with those around us so we can stay out of trouble. We love you. Amen.

MEGA AWESOME COSTUME PARTY INVITES

- Mega Awesome Costume Party Invites - 1 invite per kid (if they didn't previously receive them)

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. Ask the group if anyone has already passed out their invitations to their friends.
4. 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!

Has anyone already given any of their invitations to their friends? (Let kids respond.)
Who did you invite? (Let kids respond.)

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

CONNECT WITH PARENTS



The Mega Awesome Costume Party is happening in TWO 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

- Bibles
- Verse Cling Activity Page - 1 per group

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 the kids partner up and come up with a handshake they can do to remember the verse. You can also do this as a group and come up with motions.

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!