

# 4th-5th Grade.

## BIG IDEA:

Patience

## BOTTOM LINE:

Being patient shows others  
God's love.

## BIBLE STORY:

Jesus is Patient – Matthew  
14:13–20; Mark 10:46–52

### BEFORE LARGE GROUP

### Early Arriver Activity Ideas

#### GET YOUR KIDS MEGA HYPED AND SAY THIS:

You look totally MEGA AWESOME. Are you ready to have some mega awesome FUN? Let's get ready to party!

### Early Arriver Activity

#### SUPPLIES:

- Early Arriver (Activity Page, copied on cardstock) – 1 per Small Group Leader
- Extra costume supplies (clown noses, boas, silly glasses) – 1 bucket of supplies per classroom
- Heads Up!® cards (Activity Page, copied on cardstock) – 1 set per group
- Scissors
- Watch or phone to use as timer

#### HOW-TO:

1. As the kids arrive, check off what costume accessories everyone has. Have fun welcoming the "characters" as they arrive!
2. If a kid isn't dressed up, let them choose from the costume supplies in the classroom bucket.
3. Explain that the kids will be playing Heads Up!®, a game similar to Charades but played in reverse. The group will act out what's on the card while one kid guesses.
4. Cut out the cards from the Activity Page, but DON'T LET THE KIDS SEE THEM.
5. Choose one kid to go first as the "guesser."
6. The guesser will hold the card—with the word facing out—on their forehead so the group can see it. The group acts the word out together until the guesser answers correctly.
7. Once the guesser correctly says the word, they may move on to the next card.
8. Set a 60-second timer. If the kid hasn't guessed correctly once the time expires, move on to the next kid.

#### HIGH FIVE (Optional Conversation Starters):

1. You guys look MEGA AWESOME! How'd you decide what costume you were going to wear today?
2. What is your favorite costume you've ever worn?

## 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 (NIRV)

3. What’s the funniest costume you’ve seen today?
4. If you really were [NAME OF KID’S COSTUME], what would you do?
5. What’s the best costume you’ve seen so far today?

## After Large Group

### BOTTOM LINE REVIEW

Use these questions to guide the kids on how they can apply the Bottom Line: **Being patient shows others God’s love.** Engage everyone in your group and give them a chance to share and participate in the discussion.

### SAY THIS

In Large Group, we talked about how the people around us—our friends, our siblings, our parents, and even our teachers—can test our patience. **When is it hardest for you to be patient with others—when someone interrupts you, when someone needs your help, or when someone’s mean to you?** (Share a personal example of when it’s hard for you to have patience, and let kids respond.)

We all have moments that require a little more patience... when someone needs our help or interrupts us or is mean to us. **What are some ways you can be patient and show God’s love to others?** (Let kids respond.)

Every time you choose patience instead of flying off the handle, you show someone else that they’re important and that God loves them. Let’s pray and ask God for his help this week.

### PRAYER

Huddle up with your group and lead them in prayer.

Dear God,

Thank you that you are **ALWAYS** patient with us. When we get frustrated or annoyed or interrupted this week, help us to remember how Jesus would act. Help us to be patient with those around us and to wait without complaining. We love you. Amen.

**VERSE ACTIVITY**

- Bibles
- Verse Activity Page
- Painter's tape

**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 what God says about being responsible for the things he's trusted us to take care of. (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 these motions!

1. Divide the kids into four groups. Form a large square on the floor with tape (see diagram).
2. Line up each group along one side of the square with all the groups facing inside.
3. Assign each group a phrase of the verse below. Have them say it aloud.
4. Have everyone say the reference (Ephesians 4:2) together.
5. Everyone will rotate to the side of the square on their right. Start with the same side (1) but with a new group. Point to each group as they say their phrase and end with everyone saying the reference.
6. Rotate twice more so that each group gets to say every phrase of the verse.
7. See if anyone can say the verse from memory.

**PHRASES**

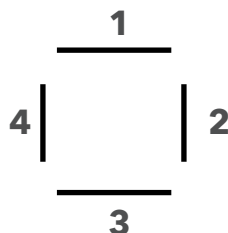
**GROUP 1:** "Don't be proud at all.

**GROUP 2:** Be completely gentle.

**GROUP 3:** Be patient.

**GROUP 4:** Put up with one another in love."

**ALL GROUPS:** Ephesians 4:2

**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 the verse 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, don't whine and complain... choose patience!

## Pumpkin Relay

### **SUPPLIES:**

- Empty paper towel tube - 2 per group
- Mini pumpkin - 2 per group
- Masking tape - 1 roll per group

### **HOW-TO:**

1. Create two even starting lines with the masking tape about 3' apart.
2. Create two more lines about 6' away from the first two lines.
3. Divide kids into two teams and line up the teams behind the taped line.
4. The first kid in each line will get a pumpkin and a paper tube. When the leader says "go," each kid will quickly race to the next line and back while they balance the pumpkin on the paper tube without touching the pumpkin.
5. When the first player gets back to the start, they should hand it to the next player in line to race, then go to the back of the line and sit down to show they already raced.
6. The first team with all players sitting wins!

### **FIRST TIME GUESTS**

I am so glad you were here today! I hope you had a Mega Awesome time! I loved meeting you and hanging out with you today. I want to invite you to come back to Community Church. Each week we meet right here in this room and in this spot. We play games, hang out together, and hear some really cool messages about a MEGA God and how AWESOME he thinks you are. I hope I see you back here in our group real soon.