

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

NOTE: This version of the curriculum is designed especially for churches with fewer leaders and kids. You may want to use it if you have just one or two leaders and if you combine all your kids in both Large and Small Group time.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Let It Go
Patience Principle
Proverbs 15:18

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Galatians 5:22-23a, NIV

MAKE WAVES

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BASIC TRUTH

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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

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Making Waves" from *Make Waves EP* and "Love Like You" from *Make a Move*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Patience Poetry
Application Activity: Patience Pass
Memory Verse Activity: Make Waves Mural
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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FOUR
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SMALL GROUP
K-5
STARTER

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



Before kids arrive, pray for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Pray that kids would learn the importance of being someone who calms things down with their patience instead of stirring up conflict by getting angry when they have to wait. Thank God that we all have help to be patient and don't have to do it on our own power.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, bubbles, bubble wands

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive to Small Group.
- Invite kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Hand out the wands and bubbles, or set the tub of bubbles in the center of your area, and invite kid to blow bubbles.
- Challenge the group to see who can blow the most bubbles at once, the biggest bubble, and the smallest bubble.
- Ask:
 - How do you control the size of your bubble?
 - Why can't you just WHOOSH and blow hard through the bubble wand?

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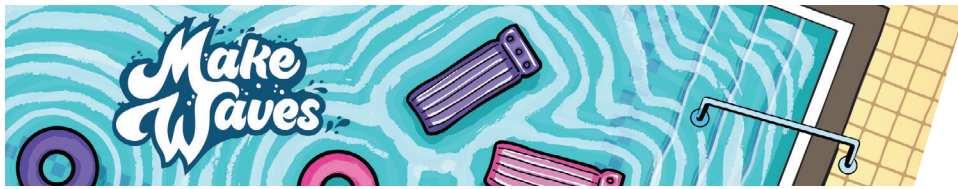
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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: One minute sand timer, large container of juice, plastic cups, (optional) bag of individually wrapped candy

**NOTE: Be aware of food allergies in your group and adjust materials accordingly.*

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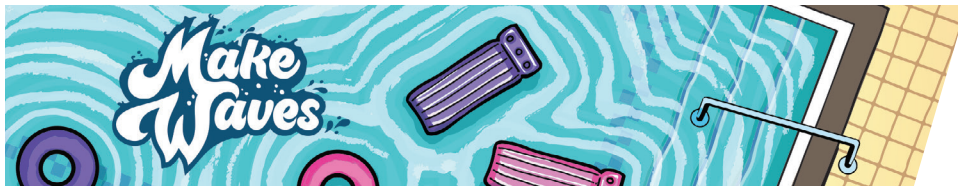
WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle.
- If using juice, set one cup in front of each kid.
- Tell kids that you'll pour a little bit of juice in their cups every 30 seconds.
- Use the sand timer to keep time and pour juice in the cups when about half of the sand has passed to the bottom.
 - Tell the kids that they can take the cups whenever they want but once they take their cup, they can't get any more juice. The longer they wait, the more juice will be in their cup.
 - Play this out as long as time allows.
 - Let everyone drink from full cups at the end.
- Option: If using the candy, put one piece of candy in front of each kid.
 - Tell kids they'll get another piece in a minute if they don't eat it now.
 - Use the sand timer to keep the minutes.
 - Keep going minute by minute, adding a piece of candy every minute.
- For mostly older kids, play in rounds.
 - Set one piece of candy in the middle of the circle.
 - Tell the kids anyone can take the candy at any time, but each person can only take candy once.
 - Tell them you'll add candy to the pile every minute.
 - Don't tell them when the round will be over.
 - Use the sand timer to keep the minutes.
 - Add a few pieces to the pile every minute.
 - If no one has taken candy at the end of your time, split up the whole pile in the middle. But if kids have taken candy sporadically during the game, give candy just to kids who don't have any.
 - As they wait, engage kids in conversation about their favorite candy and fun stories about waiting for holidays or special times when they get to have lots of candy.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This activity could have been chaos! [Candy/juice] flying everywhere! How did you stay calm? (Or, if there was some chaos, ask, "How did we calm down?")
[Transition] Let's go to Large Group and hear about a way to keep our cool when we could have chaos!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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K-5
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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



*1. PATIENCE POETRY

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Patience Poetry Prompts" Activity Page words, "Poetry Topics Activity page, a one-minute sand timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide your group into two teams.
- Give each team a set of words from the "Patience Poetry Prompts" Activity Page.
- For each round, read a scenario from the "Poetry Topics" Activity Page and turn over the one-minute timer.
- Tell the teams that they have a minute to put together a poem or sentence about how they would respond or feel in that situation.
- Award points to the most honest or creative (the points don't matter).
- Play until you're out of scenarios or as time and interest allow.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You have a lot of creative ways to express your feelings on patience! It's hard to stay calm when we're frustrated and not getting what we want.

[Make It Personal] (Share an age-appropriate situation that you recently experienced when you needed patience in the face of frustration. Maybe it's a recent as the traffic on the way to church! How do you personally deal with frustration and annoyance? Do you count to ten? Pray? Practice empathy for those holding you up? Invite kids to share, too.)

"It's hard to **be patient with each other!** How can you practice patience this week? (Allow for responses.) We all mess this up. No one is ever patient with everyone around them all the time. It's a good thing we're not alone in this fight for patience! When we believe in Jesus, God's Spirit can help you be patient, even when it's super hard."

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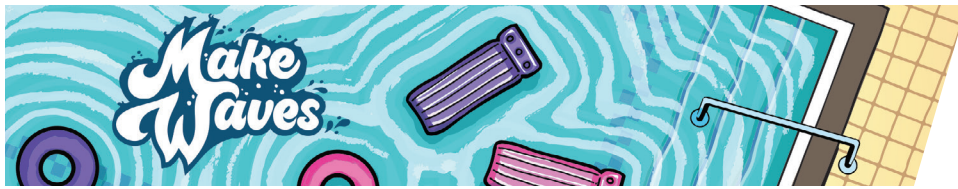
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2. PATIENCE PASS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Buckets (two full of water), large sponges, timer app or stopwatch, (optional) tarp

NOTE: If possible, do this outside!

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WHAT YOU DO:

- If you playing inside, you may want to lay a tarp on the floor.
- Place the two water buckets on one side of your activity area (end of the tarp) and the empty buckets on the other side/end.
- Divide your group into two teams.
- Direct each team to line up, shoulder to shoulder, between the buckets.
- Put a sponge in each full bucket.
- Direct the kid nearest the full bucket to take the soaked sponge and pass it to the kid next to them.
- Instruct the kids to pass the sponge down the line.
- Once the sponge reaches the kid beside the bucket, direct them to wring the sponge into it.
- Instruct that kid to run to the full bucket and soak the sponge while everyone moves over one step so the new kid is now the first in line and ready to pass the sponge down the line again.
- At the end of your time, the team with the most water in their bucket, wins!

WHAT YOU SAY:

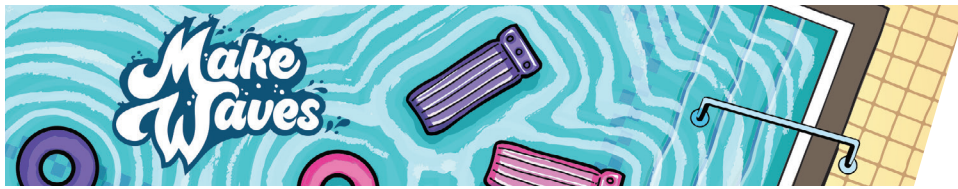
"You had to pass the sponge quickly and rely on each other to not lose any water. How did that feel? (*Invite responses.*) Sometimes, we think people aren't moving as fast as they should be—like if we're waiting our turn to use playground slides or taking turns in a game with our family. How do we react? (*Invite responses. We get frustrated and annoyed; we might yell at them.*) Our whole world seems obsessed with doing things as fast as possible. But God wants us to **be patient with each other.**

"What are the benefits of slowing down and showing patience?" (*Invite responses. We can do things well, calmly. We don't get as angry with others.*)

Optional Discussion Questions for Older Kids

If you lead 4th, 5th, or 6th graders, consider asking these discussion questions:

- Is there someone in your life who you have a hard time being patient with like a younger sibling? How does that feel?
- What can you do specifically to have more patience with that person?
- Are there times when you need patience from someone else? What does that feel like?



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



3. MAKE WAVES MURAL [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Make Waves Mural Week 4" Activity Page, mural from previous weeks, Bibles, tape or glue

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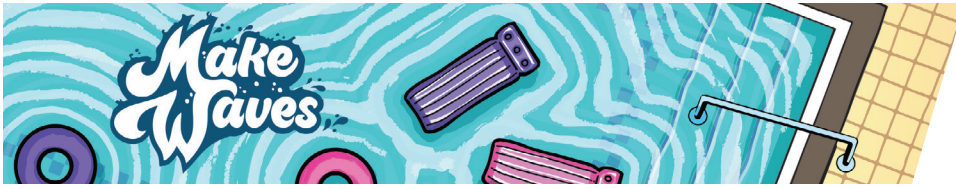
- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Look up and read Galatians 5:22-23 together with the navigation tips below.

Finding verses with a multi-age group: Guide all kids to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like. When the kids find the table of contents, ask a middle elementary kid (2nd–3rd grade) to find Galatians in the list under "New Testament." When the kid finds Galatians, lead them to look at the page number beside the word and say it, explaining that the number tells them on what page they can find Galatians. Ask older elementary kids (4th–5th grade) to help younger ones find the correct page in their own Bibles. When they all find Galatians, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Ask a kindergartner or 1st grader to find chapter 5, and give time for all the kids to turn the pages to find it. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers, and ask a middle elementary kid to find verse 22 in chapter 5. Then, read the verse aloud slowly, especially for your pre-readers; or ask older elementary kids to read it to the group.

- Set out the iceberg decal from the "Make Waves Mural Week 4" Activity Page, the mural, and tape or glue.
- Invite the kids to choose a spot on the mural and tape or glue the iceberg on it.
- Play a game of "Marco Polo."
- Choose a safe area where "Marco" can wander with their eyes closed.
- Choose a volunteer to be "Marco" and close their eyes.
- Instruct Marco to call out "Marco" while the rest of the group wanders the safe area and responds with "Polo."
- Direct Marco to try to tag someone.
- The kid who Marco tags becomes the next Marco.
- To keep this safe indoors, have kids play on their knees or on all fours on a carpeted surface.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"This is a fun game—as long you're not stuck being Marco forever! It can be frustrating trying to get what you want, either in a game or other times. Have you ever felt really frustrated with not getting what you want? What happened? (*Invite responses.*) Especially when it comes to people, we want



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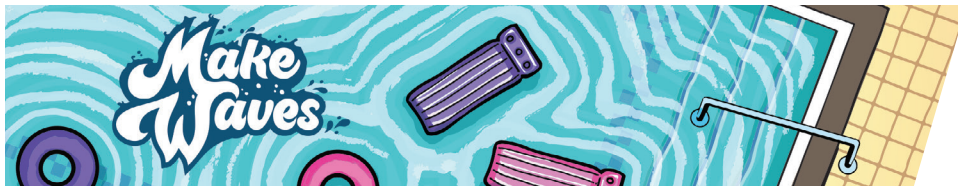
HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

(3. MAKE WAVES MURAL, CONTINUED)

what we want when we want it. It's hard to wait for your parents to get off their phone when you want to go somewhere, or it's hard to wait your turn to use something at home.

"When is the last time someone got impatient with you? How did that feel? (*Invite responses.*) We like to receive patience, but we're not always great at giving it. When you're tempted to rush someone or get annoyed at them, remember to **be patient with each other**, because sooner or later, you'll need them to be patient with you."



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Nail polish, nail polish remover, cotton balls

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite everyone to sit in a circle.
- Gently paint one drop of nail polish on the back of each kid’s hand.
- Encourage the group to sit in silence and watch their paint dry.
- If kids get antsy, invite them to try some calming strategies like counting to ten (or higher), thinking of something else, breathing deeply, or chatting with each other.
- When the paint is dry, talk about it!
- Offer nail polish remover and cotton balls to any kid who wants them.
- Close your group time in prayer.

TODAY’S BIBLE STORY

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WHAT YOU SAY:

“What was that like? Wasn’t it frustrating to ACTUALLY watch paint dry? Did you want to just rush it and wave your hands around?”

TODAY’S BOTTOM LINE

Be patient with each other.

“When you need to **be patient with each other**, remember the skills you used to watch paint dry. And remember that God can help you. All you have to do is ask!

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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“Dear God, thank You for showing patience with us. Please help us show patience to those around us, even when we’re frustrated. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

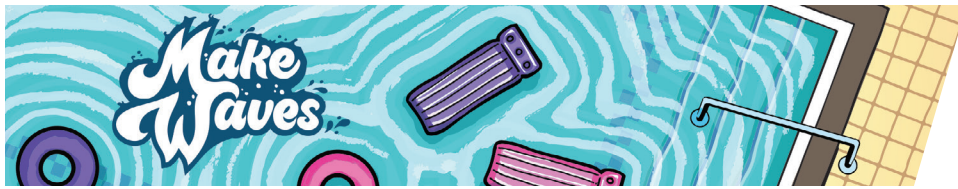
As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to share how they practiced patience by literally watching paint dry!

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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story. **(Choose one or both of these activities.)**

1. EARLY ARRIVER

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container
- Bubbles (either individual containers or a big tub to share)
- Bubble wands; one for each kid

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- One minute sand timer
- Large container of juice (or a blue juice drink to correspond with the theme) and plastic cups
- (Optional) Bag of individually wrapped candy instead of drink and cups

**NOTE: Be aware of food allergies in your group and adjust materials accordingly.*

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.*

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[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Patience Poetry Prompts" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart the words; two sets for each small group
- Print the "Poetry Topics" Activity Page; one for each small group
- One minute sand timer

2. PATIENCE PASS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Four buckets
 - Fill two of the buckets with water.
- Two large sponges (car wash size)
- Timer app or stopwatch
- (Optional) Tarp if playing inside

3. MAKE WAVES MURAL

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Make Waves Mural Week 4" Activity Page on heavy paper or cardstock and cut out; one for each small group
- Mural from previous weeks
- Bibles
- Tape or glue

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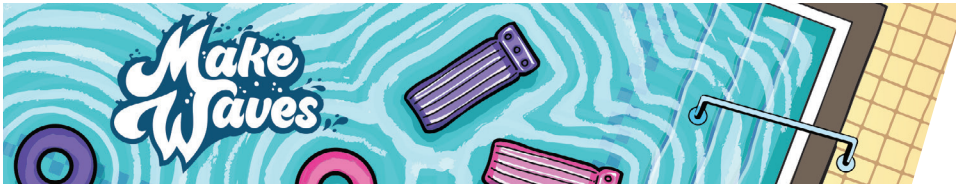
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[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

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GETTING READY

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HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resource: **Parent Cue app.**



What to Do:

Print on cardstock and cut out words. Provide two sets for each small group.

1. You're stuck in traffic on the way to an amusement park. It's really hot in the car and the GPS tells you it will be ten more minutes in traffic—three times!
2. The person in front of you in the drive-thru line can't decide what they want. Your parents said you only have a few minutes to stop here before you get back on the road.
3. You get to the park and the lines are ridiculously long. You see that some people are using a fast lane that they've paid for. Your family didn't pay for the fast lanes.
4. The ride you've been reading about online and waiting for is DOWN. The park employees say it will hopefully be working in a few hours, just before the park closes.
5. Your much younger cousin wants to spend HOURS at the Tiny Tots section of the park. You're too big for any of the rides, but she's begged you to go with her and watch her on the flying dinosaurs.
6. No one wants to ride the triple-loop rollercoaster with you, so you stand in line alone. Everyone else is having fun with their groups and the line doesn't seem to be moving at all.
7. Your dad forgot his wallet in the car and the electronic pay machines are down. Instead of getting a snack, you have to wait while he walks all the way back to the parking lot.
8. You're finally going on the awesome ride you've been waiting for! It's up and running and you're first in line! But then another family shows up with a Fast Lane pass and cuts in front of you. You'll have to wait.
9. You want another snack from the cart, but your parents say that they're out of money. Your mom offers you a sandwich from her backpack.
10. On the way home, there's more traffic! You're so tired from the day and you really need to use the restroom.

What to Do:

Print one for each small group.

"Poetry Topics" Activity Page

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"Make Waves Mural Week 4" Activity Page

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