

# Alley SG - June 22-23, 2019

**Bible Story:** Right Here Waiting (Simeon at the Temple) • *Luke 2:22-35*

**Bottom Line:** When you need to wait, ask God for patience.

**Key Question:** What do you do when you have to wait?

**Memory Verse:** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a, NIV

## 1. Take a Snapshot

**What You Need:** Pens, note cards

**What You Do:**

- **Set** out pens and note cards.
- Without discussing what they are writing, **have** students write down things that test their patience.
  - Ask what they have a hard time waiting patiently for.
  - What situations tend to make them lose their cool?
  - Each idea should be written on a separate card.
- After a few minutes, **collect** the cards.
- **Read** what students wrote then invite the group to take turns indicating the level of frustration that situation would cause them based on the following scale:
  - One Finger = “no biggie”
  - Two Fingers = “annoying”
  - Three Fingers = “LOSING MY MIND!”

**What You Say:**

“Patience is a Fruit of the Spirit just like love, joy, peace, and other qualities that reflect God’s character in us. When we become a follower of Jesus, we are given the Holy Spirit to help us live the way God wants us to live. When our patience is tested and we lose it, we can never say, ‘I just couldn’t help it.’ The truth is, we *can* help it. We can take a deep breath and count to ten. We can stop and remember how others have been patient with us when we were being selfish or obnoxious. We can remember that losing our temper never ends well. Most importantly, we can pray. God—the most patient one ever—will help grow patience in us if we ask Him to.”

## 2. Slap Jack Card Game

**What You Need:** Deck of Cards (3 per group)

**What You Do:**

- Split your group up into 3 teams.
- Give each team a deck of cards.
  - Tell teams that they will be playing the card game “Slap Jack”.
  - The goal is to be the first to “slap” the Jacks in the piles of cards.
  - Play the game as follows:
    - Divide the cards out evenly between players.
    - One at a time, players place cards in the middle.
    - Play continues until a Jack is placed in the middle.
    - First player to “slap” the Jack wins the pile.

- Play until there is a clear winner.
- Play a few rounds as time allows. **Be sure each deck is rubber banded after use.**
- After the game, **bring** everyone together and read Proverbs 15:18 aloud.
- **Ask:**
  - This verse isn't talking about being patient at calm, so what does it actually mean to us?
  - What does it look like for someone to show patience?
  - If someone said, "I want to be more patient, but I don't know how," what would you tell that person?

### 3. Memory Verse Scramble

**What You Need:** Memory Verse Cards from week 1 (2 sets per group)

**What You Do:**

- **Place** the sheets face down
- **Divide** group into 2 teams
- **Allow** students to race each other to put the verse together first
- **Play** a few rounds as time and interest allows

**BEFORE DISMISSAL: AT "COMMUNION CALL"**

**HAND OUT "GOD TIME" CARDS TO EACH STUDENT BEFORE DISMISSING AND ALLOW THEM TIME TO BEGIN WORKING ON THE WEEKLY ACTIVITY**

***IF STUDENTS BRING THEM BACK THE FOLLOWING WEEK, THEY RECEIVE \$3 IN ALLEY CASH!***