

## City LG—June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** Let It Go (Patience Principle) • *Proverbs 15:18*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Be patient with each other.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.* Galatians 5:22-23a (NirV)

**REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service**

**WORSHIP: Zeal and Fireblazin'**

**CG: Summer JAM Slide**

*"Summer JAM is coming up THIS WEEK and we're so excited to invite you to 3 nights jam-packed with FUN and Adventure! You won't want to miss it. Visit the Summer Jam Tents after our time together today to sign up!"*

"Hi, everyone! I'm excited to be here with you as we talk about how we can make waves. With the help of God's Spirit, we can make a big difference in this world! We can share God's love with others. We can choose joy. We can make peace. And what we're talking about today: we can show PATIENCE. So, to get started today, I have a question for you..."

**SLIDE: Question (What is the hardest thing for you to wait for?)**

Ooooooh. That's a good one. A Cheeseburger? Christmas? School to start again? Summer Jam? Anything! Take 3 minutes to talk about it with your Group. GO!

**CG: Question Video (Runtime: 3:00)**

"Great job everyone. Now, let me ask you something else. When do you think you might need some patience? (Pause.) Right—when you have to wait for something. But we don't just need patience for things. We also need to have patience with each OTHER.

*(Hold up Bible.)* "King Solomon was one of the wisest people who ever lived. He had amazing wisdom from God. Many of Solomon's wise sayings were collected here in the Bible, in the book of Proverbs.

"Let's hear what Solomon had to say about patience.

*Open the Bible to Proverbs 15:18 (NirV) and read.*

*"A person with a bad temper stirs up conflict. But a person who is patient calms things down.*

"Did you catch that? Let me read it again.

*"A person with a bad temper stirs up conflict. But a person who is patient calms things down.*

"I think we should take a look at this week's video to help show us what that might look like in our lives today. Let's watch!"

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:00)**

"It's hard to be patient when we have to wait on someone . . . or when someone frustrates us . . . or when we want things OUR way.

"In those situations, it's easy to just say the first thing on our minds. If we're not careful, we can lose our temper and say things that really hurt someone's feelings. That's why we need the help of God's Holy Spirit.

"God's Spirit can help us wait! The Spirit can help us be patient with the people God has put in our lives. It could be as simple as taking some time to talk to God when we're feeling impatient with someone, and asking God to help us. Let's learn this week's Bottom Line.

**CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] "Be patient with each other.**

"Let's pray."

**PRAY:** "God, thank You for giving us Your Holy Spirit so we have help doing what You've asked us to do. We need Your help so that we can treat others with love and patience. When we feel frustrated or impatient, remind us to stop and think. Remind us that You're with us, helping us, every moment. Give us the wisdom to **[Bottom Line] be patient with each other.** We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

"A little bit of patience can make a huge difference. Like Solomon said, if we lose our temper, we can make a tough situation even worse! But if we choose to act with patience, we can calm things down. We might even stop an argument from happening in the first place.

"And remember, we don't have to do this on our own. When we put our faith in Jesus, we have the help of God's Holy Spirit. God's Spirit can help us **[Bottom Line] be patient with each other.**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

"Let's say that together."

**KIDS: [Bottom Line] "Be patient with each other."**

"I know that I'd want other people to be patient with ME. So, it's really important that we learn to **treat others the way we want to be treated.**

“So the next time you feel yourself getting angry because things aren’t going your way, or someone made a huge mess in your space, or you have to wait your turn, stop and ask God for help. Choose to be patient. Choose to calm things down.

“And don’t forget—if we mess up and lose our patience, let’s take the time to apologize and make things right.”

**Offering:**

“All Summer we are giving our offering to help dig water wells in the Country of Malawi! When you bring your offering each week, it will go to making sure that the people of Malawi will be able to have clean water to drink, cook with, and more. So if you brought your offering, you can bring it up now!”

***CG: Malawi Wells Pictures***