

June Week 4
Backyard
Making Waves

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CRAFT

PATIENCE Clock Craft

SUPPLIES: Patience clock, Small clock hands, large clock hands, metal brads, crayons, dot markers, Cake/Soup/Present pictures (1 set)

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Patience clock page.**

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned that when Jesus is our friend, he can help us to choose Patience. Sometimes it can be really hard to wait. We heard about a man named Simeon who waited his whole life to see baby Jesus! That’s a really long time!*
- *What do you see on your page in front of you? That’s right – a clock! And the words at the top say ‘Jesus can help me choose patience!’*
- *Let’s decorate our clocks with crayons and dot markers!”*

⇒ **Help children fasten one small and one large clock hand to their clock with a metal brad.**

- *“These clocks look great! Nice work friends!”*

⇒ **Hold up one picture at a time. Have children turn the dial on their clock and practice waiting.**

- *“There are some things in life are really hard to wait for! Like this...*
 - **CAKE:** *Look at this yummy cake. Let’s use our imaginations and pretend this delicious cake was sitting on your kitchen table but it wasn’t time to eat it yet. Can Jesus help you to choose patience? Let’s turn our clock hands and wait – wait – wait – wait....you did it! Jesus can help you be patient!*
 - **SOUP:** *Here we have some delicious soup. But uh oh – it’s really hot! Can Jesus help you be patient and wait to eat the soup? Let’s turn our clock hands and wait – tick tock – tick tock – you did it! Jesus can help you be patient!*
 - **PRESENT:** *Oh look at this one! It’s a present! It is so hard to wait to open your presents. Do you think Jesus can help you be choose patience and wait? Let’s turn our clock hands and wait – wait – be patient – wait...you did it! Jesus can help use choose patience!*

⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *Nice job friends. Waiting can be hard, but Jesus can help us.*
- ***Who can help you do everything? Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Red Light Green Light

SUPPLIES: Floor Tape

SET UP: Create a long tape line on one side of the room and another on the far side.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children stand on the line on one side of the room.**

- *“Today in our true bible story, we learned about a man named Simeon who had to wait a VERY long time to see baby Jesus. He had to be patient! Sometimes it is so hard to be patient, but when Jesus is our friend he can help us choose to be patient and wait with a happy heart!”*
- *Today we are going to play a game where we get to practice being patient. Have you heard of the game of red light, green light? You are going to have to practice being super patient while we play!*
- *When I say, ‘Green light,’ everyone **walk** to me. When I say, ‘Red light,’ then everyone FREEZE! Be sure not to move until I say, ‘Green light,’ again. You may have to wait and be very patient until I say green light. Are you ready?”*

⇒ **Say, “Green light,” and ask the children to walk toward you. When you say, “Red light,” instruct the children to stop. Tell the children to stand still for 20 seconds. While you are playing, you can say things like...**

- *“Don’t move! Be patient! How still can you hold while you are patiently waiting?”*

⇒ **Repeat as many times as children are interested then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Lots of times in life we have to wait. It can be hard to wait, but Jesus can help us to be patient and wait with a happy heart!”*
- ***Who can help you do everything?***
- ***Jesus can help me do everything!!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute, optional heart squishies

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children form a circle around the parachute.**
 - *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned that when we love and trust Jesus, he can help us to be patient! Sometimes it’s really hard to wait, but Jesus can help us! He can help us with EVERYTHING!”*

- ⇒ **Have children hold the parachute very still and wait. Then make waves.**
 - *“Friends, we are going to use our parachute to help us practice waiting. I know it’s hard, but Jesus can help us! I want you to hold on to one the parachute and let’s hold it low to the ground. I am going to ask you to wait to move it. Hold it as still as you can. Hold it. Wait. Wait!”*
 - *Now let’s go! Make waves with me!*
 - ***Who can help you do everything?***
 - ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

- ⇒ **Option: add heart smiley faces to the parachute and ask them to wait to pop them off.**

- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Friends, Jesus is such a good friend. And when we know Jesus is our friend he can help us to wait will. He can help us to choose patience. He can help us do everything!”*
 - ***Who can help you do everything?***
 - ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

*Fruit of the Spirit Dance Party +
Memory Verse Review*

SUPPLIES: Fruit of the Spirit Picture Cards (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience), Summer 2022 CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends! All summer long we are learning about something called the fruit of the spirit. Each week we are going learn about a different way that Jesus can help us! Do you remember how Jesus can help us this week? He can help us choose patience! (Hold up the clock card)*
 - *When we know Jesus, he can help us choose patience even when it is so hard to wait! We can be patient, and Jesus can help us!*
 - *Now we know that when we trust Jesus, he can help us to (hold up heart) LOVE, he can also help us to (hold up smiley face) have JOY, he can help us to choose (hold up teddy bear card) PEACE, and he can help us to be (hold up clock card) PATIENT! Jesus can help us do everything! Hey! That reminds me of our memory verse!”*

- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *“I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”
Philippians 4:13*
 - *Now let’s try it...*
 - *Super loud/Super quiet*
 - *Really Fast/Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys/All the girls*
 - *Kids only/Teachers only*

- ⇒ **Have a dance party! Play Track 1 on Summer 2022 CD.**
 - *“Let’s get up and dance to our summer song! Can you try to remember the fruit of the spirit with me? Let’s dance!”*

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice work, my friends!*
 - ***Who can help you do everything?***
 - ***Jesus can help me do everything!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
JUNE WEEK 4

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- ⇒ *God's Fruit in Me*, by Vince Rozier
- ⇒ *Simeon and Anna Meet Baby Jesus*, *Beginner Bible* p 282

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - **Who can help you do everything?**
Jesus can help me do everything!
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - **"I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." Philipians 4:13**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

Supplies: Clock story sticker

- ⇒ "Today, we'll make a list of things that are hard to wait for like your birthday or Christmas or dinner. Sometimes being patient can be really hard. So tell me, what do you think is really hard to wait for?
 - *Write each child's name on the paper and draw a smiley face next to it. Give each child a teddy bear sticker.*
- ⇒ This is a great list! Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray:** "
 - "Dear God, waiting can be so hard sometimes. We want to choose patience and wait with a happy heart like Simeon did. Please help [child's name] wait for [what child listed] with a happy heart. (Continue with each child.). Waiting on Your plan will always be best. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."