LESSON 14 "PATIENCE" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

1 Samuel 1:8-2:2, 18-21 (pages 286-288)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Patience</u> – Waiting with a happy spirit

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can wait <u>patiently</u> for God to answer my prayer.

MEMORY LINK

Psalm 37:7a "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him." (KBC Study Bible pg. 584)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED None

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY Option 1: None Option 2: None

BIBLE CONNECTION None

SURF TEAM LEADER Memory Link cards, index cards, pens, Hang 10 pages

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME Option 1: Beach balls, sports cones Option 2: Bandanas

Hannah Prays

WHAT'S THE POINT?

We live in a world full of rushing people and many of these people get frustrated or angry when they have to wait. Children and adults spend significant periods of time each day waiting. Waiting is hard. Our inner voice says, "Now! Come on, happen soon! How much longer?" Who wants to be <u>patient</u> and wait? The answer is really no one. We all want what we want and we want it sooner rather than later.

What does the Bible say about waiting? The Bible teaches us that God's timing is totally different than ours and that God's people have always spent time waiting. God promised Abraham a son, and then came a period of waiting. God promised His people they would leave Egypt, and then they waited.

Isaiah 40:31 says, "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint." We can put our trust in the God who loves us. He is with us in the waiting. He is working in the waiting. He is shaping us in the waiting. While we wait, we can show <u>patience</u> and wait on Him with a happy spirit.

GET CONNECTED



10-15 Minutes - Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson

No supplies needed

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is patience.
- What does patience mean? (Waiting with a happy spirit)
- When is it hard for you to show patience at home? At school? In Beach Club?
- Today's Bible story is about a woman who had to wait <u>patiently</u> for God to answer her prayer. Who is someone you know that is <u>patient</u>?

Guide clubbers to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

Worship Tip

When planning for and leading songs for worship time, keep the boys in mind. Often boys will disengage if they think worship is too "girly." Involving the boys in worship will not only point their hearts toward Jesus, but can also help eliminate behavior problems that tend to happen when boys are bored. One way to get boys involved is with competition songs. For example, the boys sing a line then girls sing a line. Also, consider songs that are fast paced with challenging motions or body movements. Enlisting male volunteers and older boys as worship leaders also helps create a masculine quality in worship.

MEMORY LINK



Teaching a Bible verse to clubbers; helping them to memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible

If you brought your Bible today, hold it high in the air. Great job! I love seeing your Bibles each week! If you look at the tip-in page after page 242 in your KBC Study Bible you will find some facts about the Bible. Who can answer this question: who wrote the Bible? God did! People who were listening to God wrote down the things that God wanted them to write. The Bible has many different writers who lived at different times and in different places. Yet their message remains consistent, because it's God's message! That makes the Bible true, dependable, trustworthy and right.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 🛄

Today's character word is <u>patience</u>. Waiting for something we want is hard isn't it? Our memory link is Psalm 37:7a. But before we look at verse 7, turn with me in your Bibles to page 584. This is where we find Psalm 37. Now find the first few words of verse 3. What does it say? "Trust in the Lord." Only when we trust God, and know that God is in control can we do what our memory link says. Let's read our memory link together, "Rest in the Lord and wait <u>patiently</u> for Him." It's so much easier to be <u>patient</u> and wait on God when we know we can completely trust Him!

Option 1 – ACT IT OUT

No supplies needed

Challenge each surf team to make up motions for the words of the verse. Then ask each surf team to take turns showing their motions to the surf teams near them. After each team has made up motions and shown other groups a few times, call for the group to face the front. Lead the large group to say the verse together as each surf team does the motions they made up.

Option 2 - RESTING RACE

No supplies needed

Instruct surf teams to line up in relay race formation. One surf team leader will stay with the group and another leader will stand about 15 -20 feet away. On the signal the first person in line races to the other leader, says the verse and returns to his team. The team must then count to 20 before the next person can take their turn. Tell teams to continue until each person has had a turn. For a competitive variation, count how many runs are completed in the given time.

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Psalm 37:7a

"Rest in the Lord, and wait <u>patiently</u> for Him." (KBC Study Bible pg. 584)

Teaching Tip

Remember to connect with parents. What you do each week with kids is important, but that effort becomes even more meaningful when a clubber's whole family gets connected to your church. Make sure you are communicating with your KBC families. Let them know what is going on at the church and invite them. Offer to meet your KBC families at church and personally show them around to help them feel welcome.

Teaching Tip

Know your school schedule. Spring sometimes means increased state testing. Students feel the stress and often by the end of the school day are mentally and physically drained. Contact the school counselor to be aware of especially stressful times. Plan extra physical activities or a second snack time to give students a boost.

BIBLE CONNECTION



Teaching today's character word through a gospel-centered Bible story

No supplies needed

Character Word Connection

Some days it seems like I do a lot of waiting. Waiting isn't easy for me. To be good at waiting you have to have ______. (Wait and let kids supply the word <u>patience</u>.) Some waiting is not so hard because you know the wait won't be long, like when you wait for the light to turn green. Some are a little harder, like waiting for Christmas. You know that Christmas comes on December 25th and you can figure out how long your wait will be. But other times waiting is hard, because we aren't even sure it will happen. What is something you have to wait on? (Allow for answers.) Why is it hard to wait? (Allow for answers.) How do you feel when you have to wait? Show me what your face looks like when you wait. (Allow for responses.) <u>Patience</u> is what kind of waiting? Waiting with a happy spirit! Show me what your face would look like if you waited with a happy spirit?

Today we will hear about a woman who had to do the hard kind of waiting.

1 Samuel 1:8-18

Elkanah and his wife Hannah went up to the house of the Lord in Shiloh once every year to worship. Elkanah asked Hannah why she was weeping and why she was so very sad and not eating. Hannah was sad because even though she had a husband that loved her, she was not able to have a child. At the tabernacle she prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish. Hannah made a vow and asked the Lord to give her a male child. If He would give her a son, she promised to give the son back to God. Eli, the priest, was in the door of the tabernacle and saw Hannah praying. She was praying fervently, but she prayed in her heart instead of praying out loud. Eli saw her lips moving and thought she was drunk, so he told her to stop. Hannah told him she was of a sorrowful spirit and that she was not drunk, but rather was pouring her heart out to God in prayer. When Eli heard that, he told her to go in peace and that what she was asking God for would be given to her. Hannah was no longer sad and went away and ate.

1 Samuel 1:19-28

The next morning, Elkanah and Hannah rose early and worshipped the Lord then returned to their home in Ramah. God answered her prayer and she became pregnant and had a baby boy. She named him Samuel because she asked the Lord for him. Call for a volunteer to read the last paragraph of the Bible Explorers on page 286 to find what the name Samuel means (Heard by God). When Samuel was old enough Hannah took him to the house of the Lord in Shiloh. She made a sacrifice and took him to Eli. She told Eli that she was the one who prayed before the Lord for a son. Hannah said she was going to leave Samuel with Eli at the tabernacle (be lent to the Lord) like she promised, and they both worshipped the Lord.

1 Samuel 2:1-2

Read this passage aloud from your KBC Study Bible. God answered her prayers. Hannah prayed a prayer of thanks to Him.

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Teaching Tip

Plan your transition times! There is a quote that says, "Dead time with kids becomes very alive time, extremely fast." Make sure your team has a plan for transitions. Keep your supplies ready and make sure your leaders know when they are leading their section. Be prepared with a backup transition planned in case a leader is tied up with something so that another leader can transition to the next activity.

1 Samuel 2:18-21

The Bible tells us that Samuel ministered before the Lord even as a child. Hannah would make him a robe each year and take it to him when she came to the tabernacle with her husband to offer a sacrifice and worship. Eli prayed a prayer of blessing that she would be able to have more children. She had three more sons and two daughters. She waited <u>patiently</u> on God and He gave her the greatest desire of her heart.

Talk About It

Where was Hannah when she prayed for a child? (at the tabernacle) She regularly took the time to worship the Lord. She poured out her heart to the God she loved and trusted. She had a relationship with God already. Her greatest desire was to have a child. She promised to give him back to the Lord if He answered her prayer. God answered her prayer! Samuel grew before the Lord and grew up to be one of Israel's greatest leaders.

Gospel Connection

God wants to have a relationship with you. He wants to hear your heart when you come to Him in prayer. But there is a problem. Sin separates you from God and keeps you from having a relationship with Him. Only One can bridge that separation and restore you to a relationship. That One is Jesus. You must ADMIT you are a sinner and ASK Jesus to forgive you of your sins. You must BELIEVE that Jesus died on the cross to be your sacrifice and pay for your sins, then rose again. You must CHOOSE to follow Him and make Him the boss of your life.

Invite clubbers wanting to know more about becoming a Christian to move to the designated area after the lesson to meet with a leader one-on-one.

Application/Transition

God is trustworthy. We can go to Him in prayer and tell Him what is on our hearts. When our hearts rejoice in Him (like Hannah's prayer described) we can learn to wait <u>patiently</u> on Him. What is on your heart today? Share your prayer requests with your surf team leader today.

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Teaching Tip

Do you have Lifeguards? Lifeguards are a group of people who are not able to serve weekly in the club, but commit to supporting the club in other ways, such as praying for kids, substituting as needed, helping with advance preparation, or participating in followup contacts of kids and families. It's never too late to find lifeguards for your club.

Gospel Tip

Typical children in the KBC age group are still in the concrete-thinking stage. Children at this stage can think logically but have a difficult time with the abstract. Although they are literal at this stage, they are developing their own opinions and are able to see other people's point of view as well. Consider this way of thinking when discussing salvation with a child. For example, when you say, "to ask Jesus into your heart," you would need to explain that the term "heart" means a person's thoughts, emotions and desires. Find more informations on Guiding Kids Toward Jesus in the KiDs Beach Club[®] Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club Essentials on pages 27-30.

SURF TEAM TIME



Connecting with kids in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

Gospel Connection

Before you begin, ask if there are any clubbers who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their forever friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.

Today's Lesson

- What questions do you have about today's story?
- How did you see patience in our lesson this week?
- What did Hannah do when she was sad and troubled?
- Tell about a time that waiting was hard for you.
- How can you practice patience?

Pray

Hannah prayed when she was troubled. Write a prayer request on the index card about something that troubles you. Let's go to the Lord in prayer and ask Him to help us with the things that trouble us.

Lord, as we think about the things that trouble us, we bring them to You. Thank You for hearing our prayer. Help us to be patient as we wait on You like Hannah. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Use the Bible 🛄

Give each child a memory link card. Review today's memory link and character word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's memory link.

Hang 10 Pages 🛺

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

Let's look at Day 3 together. Turn to page 1283 and find Galatians 5:22-23. Can you find the word that means <u>patience</u>? Unscramble the word to find the answer (longsuffering). Let's read the prayer together and talk to God. "Father God, help me to be longsuffering and live like You want me to live. In Jesus' name, Amen."

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

5-10 MINUTES

Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Option 1 - BEACH BALL RELAY

Beach balls, sports cones

Introduce the game as a relay race. Direct each group to form a single file line several feet away from the cones. Explain that players will answer a review question, place a beach ball between their knees, and hop to the cone and back. The next player repeats and so on until everyone has a turn. The first team to complete the relay wins.

Option 2 - GIVE IT AWAY

Bandanas

Guide kids to sit in a circle. Explain that the object of the game is to give away the bandana. Play the music as the kids pass the bandana around the circle as quickly as possible. When the music stops, the person holding the bandana will answer a review question. Then the clubber will give the bandana to someone else in the circle and the music starts again as the game continues.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. What is today's character word? (Patience)
- 2. Where was Hannah when she prayed? (Tabernacle)
- 3. What did Hannah pray for? (A baby boy)
- 4. Who saw Hannah praying? (Eli)
- 5. What promise did Hannah make to God if He sent her a baby boy? (She would give him back to the Lord.)
- 6. What did Hannah name her baby? (Samuel)
- 7. What kind of waiting is patience? (Waiting with a happy spirit)
- 8. What did Hannah do when God answered her prayer? (She worshipped and prayed.)
- 9. In what book of the Bible did we read about Hannah? (1 Samuel)
- 10. From what book is our memory link? (Psalm)



"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him."

Psalm 37:7a KBC Study Bible page 584