

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



SMALL GROUP GUIDE

1. PUPPET SKIT

- Talk with the kids about how we have been learning about having patience. Patience is waiting, even when it is really hard to wait.
- Go over some ways that they can have patience in their everyday lives! (e.g., When we're in line at the grocery store, when we are in the drive-thru, when we're at the doctor's office, etc.) You could maybe have the kids raise their hands and give some examples.
- Play the video, "Majunga Learns Patience."
- When the video is done, talk with the kids about how Majunga had to learn to have patience with the baby, even though it was really hard for him!

2. BIBLE VERSE

- Hold up the Bible verse page and go over what each picture means with the children. Have them repeat it after you a few times.
- Get the buckets and the ball pit balls with the Bible verse pictures on them.
- Spread out the three buckets (as far apart as you'd like). Then, show the kids that all of the balls have a picture on them that matches the picture on one of the three buckets.
- Tell the kids that on the count of three you are going to dump the balls on the ground and that they need to get all the balls into the bucket with the matching picture on it!
- Once all the balls are sorted, go over the verse together. You can play as many times as you would like!

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3. GROUP GAME

- Together as a class or in small groups, play the “Roll-a-ball” game.
- To play, get a ball and sit in a circle with the kids.
- Tell the kids that we are going to roll the ball to each other, but we can only roll the ball to one person at a time. This means we get to practice our patience while we wait for our turn to roll the ball to someone!
- Take turns rolling the ball until everyone has had a few turns!
- If you have a wiggly group, feel free to add in extra, silly rules. Like, if the ball is rolled to you, you have to stand up, jump three times, and sit back down before you roll it to someone new.
- Continually praise the kids that are having good patience while they wait their turn to play!

4. COLORING PAGE

- Give the children a coloring page and a box of crayons.
- Lay out the fish stickers for them to decorate the water area on their page! (Younger preschoolers may need help getting the stickers off.)
- Talk with them about what is happening in the picture as they color. You could also retell the story of Naaman for review! Maybe ask the kids some questions about the story, such as, “Was Naaman happy or angry when Elisha told him to go wash in the Jordan seven times?”