



Root & Fruit: Patience

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Live as One

When you think of patience (e.g. "slow to anger," "long-suffering," "putting up with"), who comes to mind and why would you describe them as patient?

Share stories of when you recently expressed patience or impatience in your everyday life.

Live By The Word

Read [James 5:7-11](#).

What truths and examples are used to teach about patience? What practices are taught to develop patience?

Read [1 Peter 2:19-25](#).

How do the varied sufferings of Christ teach us about patience? What were some of the practices Christ used in His patience?

Live as Sent

Of all that was shared, what is a particular truth and practice you need to take away and apply in the area of patience? Is there a particular situation you could use prayer and encouragement for patience?

How does it show Christ and bless others when we express patience? How will you do that this week in everyday life?

connect **daily**

Day 1 [Galatians 5:16-26](#)

Day 2 [Psalm 78](#)

Day 3 [Proverbs 14:29](#); [15:18](#); [16:32](#)

Day 4 [James 5:7-11](#)

Day 5 [1 Peter 2:19-25](#)

connect at home

CONNECT with Pre-K and Kindergarten (Little Mo)

Memory Verse: "God made us to do good works." Ephesians 2:10 (NCV)

Ask: What was the name of the little girl in the story we heard this week?

Say: Miriam! Miriam rocked because she did what God asked her to do!

Pray: "Dear God, thank You for giving us our families. We want to do what You want us to do and take care of our families. We love You, God. Amen."

CONNECT with Elementary (KidMo and Forty-Five)

Memory Verse: "We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do." Ephesians 2:10 (NirV)

Share: God made you for an adventure. Abraham left home and followed God. What might your unique adventure be?

Pray: Ask God to help you find your adventure, and love Him and others where He wants.

CONNECT with Middle School

Memorize: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)

Ask: What does "peace" mean?

Pray: Ask that our lives would reflect God's peace this week.