

ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: PATIENCE

FINISH LINE: We can be patient because God's plan is perfect

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 42-45

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

SUPPLIES: Ball to either toss or kick

EXPLAIN: All you need for this game is a ball. Say one phrase of the verse. Have your kid repeat the phrase with you. Then, toss (or kick) a ball back and forth. As you toss the ball, say one word of the phrase. Your kid will catch the ball and toss it back to you, saying the next word. Play again, varying who starts the phrase, until your kid knows the phrase by memory. Then, repeat this game with the next phrase of the verse and continue until you both know the whole verse!

Multiple kids? Stand in a circle and toss or kick a ball back and forth as you say the words. You can choose to have the whole group or individuals say the words with each pass.

MEMORY VERSE: "Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord." **PSALM 27:13-14**

ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW

SUPPLIES: Puzzle

DIRECTIONS: Give your kids a puzzle they have never seen before to put together. However, do not give them the box or a picture of the puzzle. Set a timer for a few minutes to see if they can patiently work on it and complete the puzzle. After the timer goes off, see how many pieces were put in correctly. Then let the kids know that they can ask whoever has the lid or picture of the completed puzzle for help.

WRAP UP: The person with the puzzle box could help you understand where to put the puzzle pieces because they saw the full picture. Similarly, God helps us be patient even when we do not understand His plan because He is the all-powerful, all-knowing, all-seeing Creator of everything. He loves us. He knows exactly how all of the pieces of our lives fit together and is in control of every single one. His plan is perfect and always good.