

Lesson 2.1: What Love Does (Love is Patient) -

Ages 1-3

Goals

- Understand what love is.
 - Learn how God expects us to love others.
 - Identify the characteristics of love.
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Welcome Time

- Engage children in free play or center activities such as:
 - Building blocks
 - Puzzles
 - Musical toys or songs
 - Ensure a welcoming and warm atmosphere to help children settle in comfortably before the service begins.
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Worship Time

1. **Prayer:** Begin with a short opening prayer.
 2. **Action Songs:**
 - "The Jesus' Love" [Jesus love is sweet and wonderful! - YouTube](#)
 - "The Jesus' Love" ([Link 2](#))
 - Encourage clapping, dancing, and participation to engage the children.
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Memory Verse (5 Minutes)

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- 1 Corinthians 13:4 "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud."

Lesson

Introduction (2 Minutes)

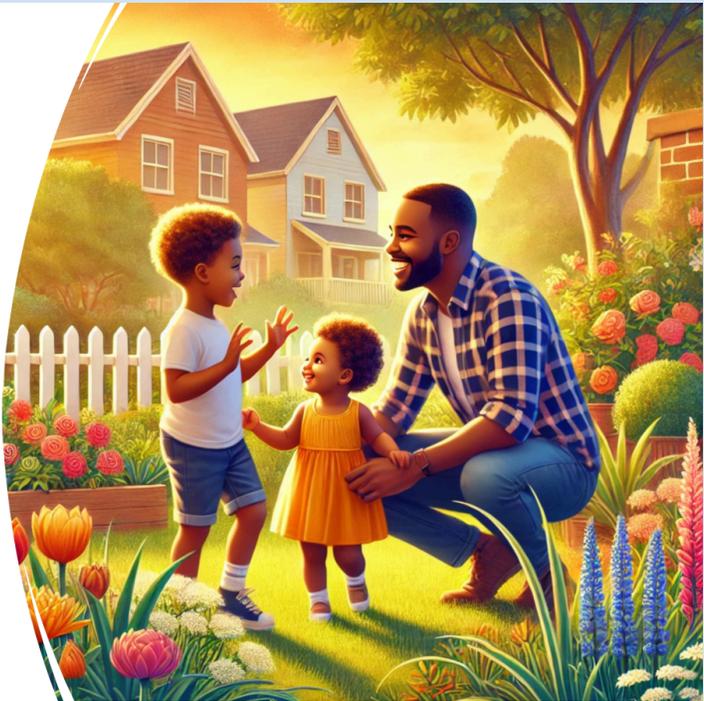
- Ask the children: “Have you ever had to wait your turn for something? How did that make you feel?”
- Briefly explain that today’s lesson is about love, and one important thing about love is being patient.

Bible Story (10 Minutes)

- **Main Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
 - Read the passage aloud slowly and explain its meaning in simple terms.
- **Supporting Scriptures:** Romans 8:37, 2 Timothy 1:7

LOVE IS PATIENT

Once upon a time, there was a little boy named Sam and his sister, Grace. They loved to play in their garden with their daddy. In the garden, Daddy would often say, “Love is patient, love is kind,” just like in our Bible.





Sometimes, Sam wanted to run and play without waiting his turn. But Grace would say, "Let's wait, Sam. That's showing love!" Daddy smiled and read a story from the Bible about being kind and patient.

One day, Daddy helped Sam plant a tiny seed in the soil. Sam was very excited and wanted to see the flower right away. Daddy said..





As the days went by, Sam learned to wait. He saw that the little seed slowly turned into a pretty flower. Sam, Grace, and Daddy learned that when we wait with love, beautiful things happen.



Love is patient. Waiting and caring for one another makes love grow, just like a beautiful flower.

Discussion Questions (5 Minutes)

1. Who said, "Love is patient, love is kind" in the garden?
2. What did Sam and Grace do with Daddy in the garden?
3. Why did Sam have to wait to see the flower grow?

Conclusion (2 Minutes)

- Summarize: Love is patient, kind, and unselfish. God's Spirit helps us show love to others.
- Emphasize: Love is one of the greatest gifts God gives us, and we can share it with everyone around us.

Gospel Points

1. God showed us the greatest love by sending Jesus to save us.
 2. When we accept Jesus, God gives us the ability to love others the way He loves us.
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Activities

Activity: Patience Jar

Activity: "Patience Practice"

- Provide a jar of candy or small toys.
 - Ask each child to wait their turn to pick an item from the jar.
 - Use this to show how waiting patiently is a way to show love.
2. **Materials:**
 - Construction paper (various colors)
 - Glue sticks
 - Scissors
 - Markers
 3. **Instructions:**
 - Pre-cut flower petals and stems.
 - Have children write one characteristic of love (e.g., patient, kind) on each petal.
 - Assemble the flower by gluing the petals around a circle and attaching the stem.
 - Write "Love is Patient" in the center of the flower.
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Closing Prayer

- Lead the children in a simple prayer:
 - "Dear God, thank You for loving us and teaching us how to love. Help us to be patient, kind, and loving to everyone we meet. Amen."
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Snack Time

Take-Home Activities

For Parents

- **Summary of Lesson:**
 - Today, your child learned about love from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, focusing on being patient and kind. We discussed how love means waiting our turn, being gentle with others, and putting others first.
 - Encourage your child to show love at home by practicing patience with siblings or friends.
 - **Memory Verse Practice:**
 - Practice 1 Corinthians 13:4 together at home. Use hand motions to help your child remember.
 - **Family Activity:**
 - Create a “Patience Chart” at home. Every time your child shows patience, add a sticker or checkmark to the chart.
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Love hanger craft

**Love
is...**
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

patient

kind

not
envious

not
boastful

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proud

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mean

not easily
angered

not self-
seeking