

2025-05-18 Patient

Introduction

As we prepare to teach this lesson, let's pause and reflect on the incredible patience of God. From the days of Noah to today, God has held back His judgment and extended grace—not because people deserved it, but because He is merciful and desires that none should perish.

Today's lesson reminds children that while God is holy and just, He is also amazingly patient. He gives people time to turn away from sin and trust in Him. We'll use the story of Noah and the flood to show how God waited over 100 years—plenty of time for people to repent. Yet, they ignored the warning.

Our goal is not just to teach about the past, but to help children realize that God is still patient today. He's giving them time to turn to Jesus. We want this lesson to be a wake-up call—not to fear punishment, but to see God's patience as a gift of love.

As you teach, pray that each child will see that God's patience is an invitation, not a permission slip to keep sinning. And as they see God's patience, may it lead them to thank Him, trust Him, and become more patient like Him.

References

- [The ABCs of God - Lesson 26 - Patient](#)
- [The ABCs of God - Application Resources](#)
- [The ABCs of God - Classroom Handouts](#)
- [The ABCs of God - Optional Activities](#)
- [The ABCs of God - Review Activities](#)

Before Service

Ensure parents take their child to the **restroom** before bringing them to the children's area and use the **QR code** to sign in their child before the service.

Praise and Worship (15 mins)

Parents: The parent and child scheduled for this week will lead us in singing on Sunday. Please take time to practice the songs together at home, helping your child feel confident and joyful as they prepare to lead.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/qTx6gwc5sWo?si=l6oiH5vkAjjkFmCW>

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Prayer and Offering (5 mins)

Parents: Please encourage your children to bring an offering to church. You may help your child prepare by setting aside a coin for them to bring on Sunday. This is a great opportunity to teach them about giving to God with a thankful heart and trusting Him to provide.

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What is Offering?

Offering is when we **give something to God** to show our love and thankfulness. In church, we often give money as an offering, but we can also give our time, talents, and kindness to God and others.

Why Do We Make an Offering?

1?? **To Thank God** – Everything we have comes from God! Giving back is a way to say, “Thank You, God!”

2?? **To Trust God** – When we give, we show that we trust God to take care of us.

3?? **To Help Others** – Offerings help the church teach about Jesus, help people in need, and share God’s love.

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 9:7,

“God loves a cheerful giver!” That means God is happy when we give with a joyful heart!

Prayer for Offering

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Dear God, thank You for giving us everything we need. We want to give back to You with joyful hearts. Please use our offering to help others and share Your love. Help us to always trust You. In Jesus’ name, Amen!

Review Verse from Last Week

Romans 1:18a —‘For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.’

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- **“For the wrath of God”**
(Make an angry face, then point upward to “God.”)
(Wrath = pretend to stomp your foot once.)
 - **“is revealed”**
(Open your hands like you’re pulling a curtain apart to “reveal” something.)
 - **“from heaven”**
(Point both hands up to the sky.)
 - **“against all ungodliness”**
(Shake your finger “no” and make a sad face.)
 - **“and unrighteousness of men.”**
(Cross your arms in front of your chest like an X for “wrong” / “sinful.”)

Bible Story (10 min): God is Patient

Introduction (1 min)

(Hold up a timer and speak with excitement and curiosity.)

“ Boys and girls, look what I have here—a *timer*! I’m going to set it for just **one minute**. Now tell me: do you think one minute is a **long time** or a **short time**?

(Let them answer—some will say short, some might say long.)

“ “Let’s do a challenge! When I say ‘Go,’ everyone must sit **completely still**—no talking, no moving, no giggling, not even a wiggle! Let’s see if we can all be patient for one whole minute. If we can, we’ll get a surprise at the end of class!”

(Start the timer and quietly encourage them as needed. When the timer goes off...)

“ Time’s up! Wow, was that easy or hard? Raise your hand if you wanted to move or talk during that minute.

(Smile and engage briefly.)

Sometimes it's hard to wait. We like things fast—fast food, fast games, fast answers. But today we're going to learn that **God is different**. He is **patient**. That means He doesn't get angry quickly. He gives people **lots of time** to turn to Him.

(Transition smoothly.)

“ Let's hear a true story from the Bible about a man named Noah and how God showed amazing patience—even when people kept doing wrong things.

Story Telling (5 min) - God Is Patient!

(Use props or visuals like toy animals, ark picture, and water in a clear container if possible.)

“ A long time ago, the world was filled with people—just like today. But there was a problem. Most of those people didn't love God. In fact, they didn't even care about Him at all.

(Hold up your Bible.)

“ Let's listen to what the Bible says in *Genesis 6:5*:

'The Lord saw how bad people had become on earth. Every thought in their hearts was only evil all the time.'

That's really sad, isn't it?

(Make a sad face, shake head.)

“ God is perfect and holy. He can't ignore sin. He was **very angry** at how people were acting.

(Hold up the whip or use an angry face emoji on a card.)

“ Last week, we learned that God is **wrathful**—He has righteous anger against sin. And He was going to send a big flood to clean the earth.

(Hold up a picture of water or a pitcher.)

BUT! Before the flood, God chose one man—**Noah**—who loved and obeyed God. God told Noah to build a big boat called an **ark** to save his family and two of every kind of animal.

(Show ark visual or toy.)

“ Now, here’s the part I want you to really hear: Did God send the flood right away?

(Let kids answer: “No!”)

“ That’s right. God waited... and waited... and **waited over 100 years!**

Can you imagine waiting that long?

(Count slowly on fingers: 1, 2, 3... then jump to 100 and act amazed.)

“ While Noah built the ark, the people had **lots of time**. Time to think. Time to listen. Time to repent—that means to turn away from sin and follow God. But did they do it?

(Shake head.)

“ No. They just laughed at Noah. They ignored God. And when the flood finally came... it was too late.

(Pause and let the seriousness settle.)

“ But Noah and his family? They were saved—because they trusted God.

(Show the ark with animals safely inside.)

“ Why did God wait so long to send the flood? Because He is **patient**.

God doesn’t want anyone to be destroyed. He gives people time to turn back to Him.

(Read aloud 2 Peter 3:9 slowly and clearly.)

2 Peter 3:9 NIV

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Wrap-up & Discussion (4 min)

(Sit with the children in a circle or relaxed posture.)

“ Let’s think about what we just heard. The people in Noah’s time were doing lots of bad things. But did God punish them right away?

(Let them answer: “No.”)

“ Right! God waited over **100 years**. That’s a very long time. Why?

(Hold up a visual or simply say with emphasis.)

“ Because God is **patient**. He was giving them **time to repent**, to turn away from their sin and trust Him.

Ask a few gentle, reflective questions:

“ 1. “**Why is it good that God is patient?**”

(Expected answer: He gives us time to say sorry, to trust Jesus, and to change.)

“ 2. “**Have you ever done something wrong this week, but still got to play, eat yummy food, or spend time with family?**”

(Let them share. Then connect:)

“ That’s God being patient with you. He doesn’t give you what you deserve right away—He gives you time.

3. “What should we do with that time?”

(Guide them to say: say sorry to God, ask for forgiveness, trust in Jesus.)

(Bring it together with this summary.)

“ God is not like us. We get mad quickly when things go wrong. But God is slow to get angry. His patience is not a reason to keep doing bad things—it’s a chance to turn to Him.

(End with a brief prayer if desired.)

“ Let’s thank God for being patient with us.

Memorizing Verse: 2 Peter 3:9

2 Peter 3:9 NIV

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

“ “Now let’s learn a very special Bible verse that tells us what God is like. Listen carefully as I read it.”

(Read slowly and clearly, pointing to the words if displayed):

? Break It Down & Explain

“ Let’s say it together—repeat after me!

(Say in short phrases and have kids echo):

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- “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise,”
 - “as some understand slowness.”
 - “Instead he is patient with you,”
 - “not wanting anyone to perish”
 - “but everyone to come to repentance.”

(Say it again a little faster as a group.)

“ Now let's talk about what this means.

- **“Patient”** means God waits. He doesn't rush to get angry.
- **“Not wanting anyone to perish”** means God doesn't want people to be destroyed for their sin.
- **“To come to repentance”** means to say sorry to God, stop doing wrong, and trust in Jesus.

Craft & Game (10 mins)

Craft (5 min)

Download and print [worksheet here](#) for children.

(Hold up a large printed letter “P” and say cheerfully):

Now we're going to do a fun craft to help us remember that **God is patient**. ‘P’ stands for **Patient!**

(Hand out a copy of the large ‘P’ on paper to each child, along with crayons, markers, or stickers.)

“ I want you to draw a picture inside or around the ‘P’ that reminds you of today's story. Maybe Noah's ark, rain, animals, or even a big clock showing a long wait.

(While kids draw, walk around and chat with them individually, prompting reflection)

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- “What are you drawing?”
 - “How did God show patience in Noah's time?”
 - “How does God show patience with us today?”

(After 4–5 minutes, invite kids to share their art aloud if time allows.)

“ These are beautiful! Each ‘P’ reminds us that God gives us time to turn to Him.

Game (5 min)

Setup (before class):

- [Print and hide 4 visuals or images:](#) *Starting Ark, Noah, Loading Ark, Flood.*
- Prepare a timeline on the wall or floor with tape or string.
- Have a pitcher of water and shallow basin for the “flood.”

(Gather the group and explain):

“ Let’s play a game called the **Ark Race!** Just like in our story, time is ticking before the flood comes!”

I’ve hidden 4 pictures around the room. When I say GO, your job is to find them and stick them in the right order on the timeline before the timer runs out.

(Secretly set a timer—start with 1 minute.)

“ Ready? GO!

(Once the time runs out, whether successful or not, pretend to pour “flood” water into a basin. Celebrate effort and restart the game using shorter or longer time limits.)

After the Game:

“ Did you know how much time you had before the flood came? No! And that’s just like real life—we don’t know how long God’s patience will last.

That’s why the Bible says we should turn to Him **now**, while there’s still time. God is patient, but His patience is not forever.

Response Song

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1F8Yca6JU6tYnIDn7tx8prWKB7tuMUH8Z/preview>

Closing Prayer & Snack Time (10 mins)

“ Dear God,

Thank You for being so patient with us.
Thank You for giving us time to turn to You and trust in Jesus.
Help us not to ignore Your kindness, but to say sorry for our sins and follow You.
Teach us to be patient like You—with our family, our friends, and even when we have to wait.

Now, let us thank You for the snack we're about to enjoy.
We fold our hands.
We bow our heads.
We thank You, God,
for this daily bread.
Amen.

Free Time & Children Pickup (15 mins)

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