

## **CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTER LESSONS**

### **PATIENCE:**

#### **“JESUS IS PATIENT” & “BEING PATIENT WITH OTHERS”**

##### **“JESUS IS PATIENT”**

**Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16 and 2 Peter 3:9.**

##### **Questions for discussion**

1. How hard is it to wait for a special visitor to come and visit?
2. What happens if they are late?
3. What is Jesus waiting for people to do?
4. How is Jesus patient with us?

##### **Key concepts**

Paul talks about how Jesus displays unlimited patience, waiting for people to confess their sins. God has a lot of patience. Every day He waits for people to tell Him they are sorry they have sinned. God is so patient that He keeps waiting. He loves us all so much that He doesn't want anyone to miss out on having his or her sins forgiven (**2 Peter 3:9**).

##### **“BEING PATIENT WITH OTHERS”**

**Read Psalm 37:1-8 and Colossians 3:13.**

##### **Questions for discussion**

1. When do you find it easy to get mad?
2. What do people do that bothers you and tempts you to be impatient?
3. What does the Bible say about getting mad and fretting?
4. What did David do when he was frustrated with the behaviour of other people and when he felt like things weren't fair?
5. How will you remember to “put up with” that behaviour or person in the future?
6. What will you do to help you remember to go to God?

##### **Key concepts**

It can get frustrating when it seems like someone else is “getting away with” causing trouble. Often, when someone does something wrong, we want to punish that person ourselves. But the Bible says that fretting and getting angry only leads to evil. When David got angry with people, he talked to God (**Psalm 37:1-8**).

God wants us to put up with each other and forgive whatever complaints we have about each other. He wants us to forgive as He forgave us (**Colossians 3:13**). A suggestion to help your children remind themselves that they are “putting up” with someone is to have your children clench their hands into fists, as though they are preparing for a boxing match. Have them say, “David was a warrior, but he went to God in prayer!” Then have them fold their hands into a praying position and talk to God about what is bothering them.