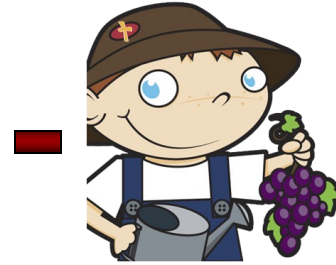


Fruit of the Spirit 2
Hangin' In There
Text: Gen. 39:20 & Ch. 41– 44 (Patience)



Kick Start (Pivots)

Presentation

Show each slide and go over each one to introduce the Pivot Points of the lesson. The Pivots will be called out at different points of the lesson.



Patience - waiting with a good attitude in tough times



Patience stays cool while waiting



But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

Preparation: none

Presentation: Tell the kids as they come in that they are going to name different kinds of fruit again BUT this time we are going to draw them and try to guess what fruit is being drawn. (Note: some fruit from last week is included that kids may remember).

List - Grapefruit, prune, strawberry, kiwi, apple, banana, blueberry, cherry, pear, tomato, fig, olive, orange, star fruit, lemon, raisin, watermelon. Use any other fruits you want. (Take a vote... ask kids who thinks a tomato or and olive is a veggie.)



Play

Choose a volunteer. That child comes up to the board. Choose a fruit from the list and whisper the name of that fruit to the child. (Give hints to help when needed... like the fruit we had last week in our lesson, starts with a G, it's yellow, you can make a smoothie with it, etc.)

Start the time and allow the drawer to draw the fruit on the board. Have kids raise their hands and guess what that fruit is. Kids can talk among each other - that's why it's an icebreaker, to get kids to communicate and loosen up!

After the minute is up – choose another drawer to draw the same fruit or pick another fruit and come back to the un-guessed fruit later. Play until it is time to start the lesson. As they name a fruit, write it down on the board. Name some of the fruits guessed. Ask for a show of hands of any that have tried that fruit. Did you like it? Why or why not? Did you eat it by itself as a snack or in cereal or a dessert?

Lesson 4

Pivot Supplies

PP slide 2-4

Pivot Icebreaker Supplies

White board or chalk board, PP slide 5, white board, several colors of dry erase markers and eraser, clock with a second hand or timer



Kick It Around Rampin' Up

Preparation

If using objects, gather and display on plates if using real items. Adjust the presentation for objects instead

of or in addition to slides.

Presentation If using objects, gather and display at proper times. Or, n create scenarios with kids to guess like putting kids in a line, sit kids on chairs with magazines to read, etc. to reenact scenarios of being patient Adjust the presentation for objects instead of or in addition to slides.

(Talk about waiting)

Say, "We are going to look at something you all have done I am sure. It is something that no buddy really likes to do...TO WAIT.

Let's look some times you might have to wait

(Slide 6) This is a good one – have you ever been stuck in traffic? Have you ever been on vacation and there is an accident or road construction? (Allow answers) It's hard isn't it...especially if you really want to get somewhere fast- maybe somewhere fun? Name a time you were stuck in traffic and it was tough to wait (Allow responses).

(Slide 7) Another good one! I bet you have never, ever, ever, been in a line, right? (Laugh) Yeah it's tough to wait. What is the longest line you stood in...how long? (Allow responses). (Add some ideas if kids are quiet - grocery store, Wal-Mart at Christmas season, amusement park, movie, etc.). It is hard to wait for something you want to do... but even worse at the doctor or dentist office for something you dread, right?

Let's try another one. (Slide 8) Ahhh, waiting for a friend or your parent to play or to take you somewhere! How about waiting your turn playing a game? How about fishing...wow, there you might wait all day for one nibble! Yeah it's hard to wait!

(Slide 9) How about at school sometimes if kids are asking questions or you don't like the subject? Maybe you just want to get outside to see your friends, be home or get to gym or recess! It's hard to wait isn't it?

(Slide 10) Oh boy...sometimes that bus is really late! How about in bad weather too? It's raining or snowing or just really cold! Has that happened to any of you? (Allow responses)

(Slide 11) Here is the last one – This is tough isn't it? Waiting to open a gift or for your birthday to finally come again. Maybe you asked for something all year and you can't wait to see if you finally got it! Yeah – I hear you. I remember those times and it is still hard for me to wait for stuff too.

Do you know there are different ways to wait? (Allow responses) Yeah, there is a good way and a bad way. There is patience and impatience!

Pivot Point: Patience stays cool while waiting

Let's move on to our Lesson Launch and really find out about someone who really stayed cool... for about 20 years!

Rampin' Up Supplies:

■ PP slides 6-11 – optional (use real objects like toy cars, bus, a ball, board game, birthday candle, hat or present, etc.

Use real objects by themselves or with slides for a great presentation)



Genesis 39:20 and chapter 41 – 44 (Joseph in jail)

Preparation

Cut up pineapple or remove fruit from the can – place in bowl

Place objects on table

Hang up the vine with the grapes, cherry, fig behind you (if it was removed – See Lesson 1 for details)

Presentation

You may use the slides/ PDFS only or in tandem with objects.

Lesson Launch Supplies:

PP slides 12-23, whole, fresh pineapple (uncut), pineapple fruit (chunks or rings can be from a can or fresh, artificial pineapple candy like a Dum Dum sucker - Bible, 2 bowls, table, packet of seeds

We are going to be talking about another Fruit of the Spirit. Does anyone remember last week's Fruit? (Allow responses – if needed – point to the fig image hanging on the vine.) Yes it was PEACE.

(Slide 12) Where does true peace come from – inside or outside stuff? (Allow responses) Yes, inside – internal. The peace comes from inside where the Holy Spirit produces it in us to bear or display to others!

Now this week – we are going to talk about waiting a certain way... the Fruit of the Spirit, Patience! What is patience? (Allow responses)

Pivot Trait: Patience - waiting with a good attitude in tough times

Pivot Point: Patience stays cool while waiting on God

(Slide 13) Today we are going to use a pineapple to represent the Fruit of the Spirit Patience. The pineapple takes some time to prepare so you can eat it. It takes patience to eat fresh pineapple. (Show fresh pineapple) Have you ever picked one up? You better be careful, right? It will stick and prick you! Would you like to take a big bite out of this right now? (Allow responses) I don't think that would be a great idea! *Tell the story below – we cover a lot of background here over several chapters. If you desire to go into more detail or just to know the story better, read Genesis 37, 39 – 45.*

Joseph was 17 years old. His father loved him very much and this made his brother's very jealous of him. His father made things even worse by making him a very colorful coat. (Slide 14)

Joseph had two dreams from God – in the dream his brothers and the sun, moon and stars bowed down to him. This was too much for his brothers to take!

One day Joseph's father sent to Joseph to check on his brothers who were watching their sheep. It was a long trip. As Joseph got closer, the brothers plotted to kill him and throw him down an old, dry water well – they were sooooo jealous of him! Joseph's oldest brother talked them into just throwing him in the well and not harming him.

He planned to rescue Joseph later and return him to his father. When Joseph was close, his brothers said to each other, "Oh look, here comes the dreamer. Let's take his coat, throw him into the well and tell our father that a wild animal ate him!" They stripped off his coat and threw him in the well. (Slide 15)

(Slide 16) As the brothers ate their meal a caravan of Egyptians came by. The brothers decided to sell Joseph as a slave to them.

Joseph was patient and worked hard for his master in Egypt. He knew God had given him a dream and he waited for it to come to pass. He was trusted by his master and was put in charge of his house. His master was pleased with Joseph and trusted him with all he had!

Pivot Point: Patience stays cool while waiting

Soon Joseph was accused of something he didn't do by his master's wife. His master believed his wife and threw Joseph into jail (Slide 17)

But Joseph continued to believe in God. God was with Joseph and showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. The warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.



Pivot Point: Patience stays cool while waiting

Wow, that would be hard, right? To be thrown in a hole by your brothers and to be thrown in jail... and he had done nothing wrong! But Joseph kept busy doing God's work!

(Slide 18) After Joseph was in jail awhile, the king's chief butler and baker made the king angry.

The king (Pharaoh) put them in the jail where Joseph was. The warden put them in Joseph's charge, and he served them for a long time. **Pivot Point:** Patience stays cool while waiting

The butler and baker both dreamed a dream in the same night. They did not know what the dreams meant. Joseph interpreted or told the meaning of the dreams to each man with God's help.

Joseph begged both men to remember him before the king when they were freed from jail. He told the butler and baker that he had done nothing wrong and should be freed from jail!

On the king's birthday, the king made a feast for all his servants. The king freed the chief baker but he hanged him then! He gave the chief butler back his job. This is exactly what Joseph had interpreted would happen in their dreams!

But even after all Joseph had done for the chief butler, he forgot about Joseph and did not tell the king!

AFTER TWO full years, Pharaoh dreamed a dream one night. Did you get that...2 more years passed! Joseph had to have gotten excited to think and hope the butler and baker would tell the king about him BUT NO! **Pivot Point:** Patience stays cool while waiting!

The king sent for all his wise men and magicians to interpret the dream but none could tell him the meaning!

The finally...after 2 whole years... the chief butler said to the king, "Shoot, I made a mistake! When we were in jail, the chief baker and I dreamed a dream in the same night. There was a Hebrew boy named Joseph who interpreted our dreams correctly to us!"

(Slide 19) Then the king sent for Joseph and they brought him quickly out of jail. The king told Joseph his dream. Joseph told the king that it wasn't him but God who would give the king the interpretation.

The king was amazed at Joseph's interpretation. He agreed with it and saw the wisdom and Spirit of God in Joseph! **Pivot Point:** Patience stays cool while waiting!

(Slide 20) The king said Joseph was wiser than anyone in his kingdom. He put him in charge of his house and made him the governor of all the people in Egypt! Joseph rode in the king's chariot. The leaders shouted, "Bow your knee!" whenever Joseph came by. Joseph had been in Egypt for 13 years! **Pivot Point:** Patience stays cool while waiting!

(Slide 21) Joseph was governor over Egypt for 7 years before his brothers and father came to him and bowed before him! Finally – God's dream came to pass!

Pivot Point: Patience stays cool while waiting!

What About Me?

Let's apply this to our lives



We have a choice don't we...wait patiently and keep busy doing what we know to do...working God's will in our lives; or we can wait and complain and not be useful or helpful anywhere to anybody.

Joseph chose to follow God and have a good attitude for 20 years!!!!!! Even after he was mistreated and misunderstood he still found favor with God and those around him. Because of this God blessed him.

Pivot Point: Patience stays cool while waiting!

(Slide 22) Some things take a long time ... longer than maybe we thought...maybe a lot longer. With fast food drive thrus, microwaves; instant messaging...we are primed to get it NOW! It is hard to be patient!

(Slide 23 and packet of seeds) But, like with seeds...some things you can't speed up, right? God planted a "seed" dream in Joseph... he had to do a lot of things inside Joseph and other people, 20 years worth of stuff before that seed was done growing! It's hard to wait when we don't understand why we have to... we don't see the big picture but ...

Pivot Point: Patience stays cool while waiting!



Kick It In

Preparation: none

Presentation

Show the slides (or PDFS) and review the lesson and Pivots to this point

Air Time Supplies:

PP slides 24 - 33

1. How old was Joseph when he had his dream from God? (17)
2. Why did his brothers put Joseph in the well and sell him? (Hated him, jealous)
3. What bad thing did Joseph do to be thrown in jail? (Nothing)
4. Did Joseph refuse to work and complain while he waited? (No- he worked hard and found favor)
5. Joseph had to ____ patiently for 20 years on God's dream to come to pass. (Wait)



The Fruit Bowl Revisited

Pivot Verse Game

Note: try this game or one of the Pivot Verse games listed on the components page if you prefer. Mix and match games each week or if you find a class favorite, stick with it!



Pivot Verse

Game Supplies: PP slide 34, masking tape, 20 index cards, marker, 20 plastic drink bottles (water bottles work – Fuze bottles are ideal), white board, marker, 2 tennis balls

Pivot Verse: But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

Note: Keep these supplies - this game is optional for the review week.

Preparation

Write each word on an index card:

Fruit, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control

Tape one card to each bottle

Repeat for the second set of pins

(Note: for small classes – use one set of bottles – halve the supplies)

Show PP slide and repeat it several times with the class. (Leave the slide displayed during the game)

Set up bottles for bowling in a triangle shape. Repeat with the second set of pins leaving several feet of space between the two sets.

Make a rolling line with masking tape about 12' from the pins.

Choose two volunteers to reset the pins after each frame and to roll the balls back to the bowlers. They should also clear out the knocked over pins between rolls.

Divide the class into 2 equal teams – line them up behind the rolling line in line with the pins

Presentation

We are going to learn all the Fruit of the Spirit today while we bowl.

On each pin is one Fruit of the Spirit and also the word “fruit” is on the tenth pin

The idea is for each team to “bear” as many fruit as you can. You bear the fruit by knocking the pin down for each fruit.

Each team member gets to roll 2 times on a turn, trying to get as many pins as they can.

When all members of a team have taken a turn – we will add the number of fruit and the highest score wins!

If someone gets a strike (all pins on their first turn) the team gets a bonus 25 points to their score.

Play

Repeat Pivot Verse with the class

A child from each team rolls the ball toward the pins. The knocked over pins are cleared out and the child rolls the second time.

Record the score on the board for each team. Repeat until all kids on a team have rolled 2 times



Add up scores for the teams. Play another round – consider other options below

Options

For a large group non competitive version – just roll for the highest score. Play several rounds trying to better the previous pin totals. At the start of each roll – the bowler must say the Pivot Verse beginning – (they can look on the slide) “The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives...” and then roll. The pin setter (or teacher and assistant) as they pick up the knocked down pins – say the fruit aloud and the class repeats back aloud.

Display the Pivot Verse on the Power Point slide throughout the game for the first run. Play the game WITHOUT the slide on the second run.

For more of a challenge - fill the bottles ¼ or ½ full of water.

After 1 game move the throw line back a few feet



**Activity Grades 1-5
Pineapple toss**

Preparation

Print black and white pineapple images from image provided – 2 pineapples per page
Print patience list and write the information on the back of the pineapple

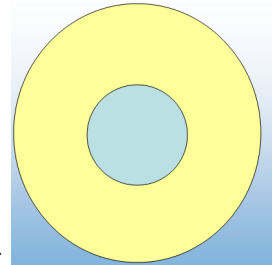
– 1 question per pineapple – place in a stack - writing side down

Make pineapple circles from paper plates. Hand out 2 plates, crayons/markers to kids.

Kids color the outer portion of their plates yellow like a pineapple.

Hand out scissors to kids. Assist them in cutting out the center portion of the plate (similar to drawing). Don't stress over size and precision of cut out...keep it simple!

Activity Grades 1 – 5
Supplies:
Paper plates (2 per child), yellow markers or crayons, scissors, a medium to large size box, masking tape, patience list, pencils



Divide class into two teams (boys and girls are good - come on...kids just like to compete this way)

On one team kids make a “1” on the back of their pineapples, and the other team a “2”

Place a masking tape toss line on the floor

Place the box on the floor approximately 10’ from the line. (Adjust this line as the game progresses according to your kid’s accuracy and age – keep it doable!)

Place the two team’s pineapples in two piles behind the toss line

Note: If you are crunched for prep time – don’t write the list on the pineapples – simply read the scenarios from the list.

Presentation

Each team member will pick a pineapple on your turn. On the back of the pineapple is listed a person or a situation where patience might be needed.

I will read the back and the team whose turn it is will raise their hands to answer. I will pick someone and they can tell me how patience could be used here.



Then a person from the team gets to toss 2 pineapples toward the box. (A different person each time tosses from a team – not the person who answers)

You get a point for each pineapple that goes into the box

Play

Kids can sit in two teams behind the toss line.

Kids gather pineapples that miss the box and put back in pile

Play for a certain length of time or until all get to toss. Try to pick different kids to answer.

Count the rings in the box and the team with the most rings in wins!

Pineapple scenarios can be repeated and kids can think of different ways patience could be used





Kick It Home Final Spin

Large Group
Go over the Pivots one more time

Preparation
Print and cut out pineapple image



Patience - waiting with a good attitude in tough times



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But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.** Galatians 5:22-23

Final Spin Supplies:

Power Point slides 2-4, 35-36, Small binder clips (see image) or wire Christmas ornament hangers, grape, cherry, fig image and rope, chairs from previous weeks, pineapple image (provided), scissors, Pez dispenser filled with candy, bowl of pineapple and sucker from Lesson Launch



Note: Save the rope and clips. You will use them each week and in Fruit of the Spirit 3

Say, “Here is the deal again – When we believe in Jesus and what He did on the cross for us - God puts his Holy Spirit in us. The Holy Spirit produces the fruit of patience inside of us or internally. Is it just for us to wait and wait and wait – to sit there doing nothing PATIENTLY? (Allow responses) NO! We are to be like Joseph, find favor with God and man by being active while we wait! We need to get busy doing God’s stuff – and have a good attitude while we wait!

Pivot Point: Patience stays cool while waiting

(Slide 35 - hold up Pez dispenser) Remember this? What does it do? (Allow responses) Yes, it bears or dispenses candy. We are like the Pez dispenser. Instead of candy, God fills us with His patience and we bear or dispense it to others! It is up to us to stay attached to the vine (point to the rope vine with grapes, fig and cherry images on it. Add the pineapple image to it) and keep filled with a fresh supply of patience (Show fresh pineapple).

(Hold up the sucker). This sucker represents impatience – patience for just a short amount of time – or patience with a bad attitude - it just has a little bit of pineapple flavor. But, it isn’t the real thing... God’s Fruit of the Spirit patience! **Pivot Point:** Patience stays cool while waiting

(Slide 36) Our world wants everything instantly...fast! We don’t want to wait on anything. Things like Instant Messaging, email or chats on our laptop; text messages on our phones have trained us to expect to hear from someone without waiting. But – sometimes God doesn’t speak to us right away... sometimes it takes awhile before we get an answer to something.

Sometimes like with Joseph there is a reason that we have to wait and be patient. God puts His Fruit of the Spirit, Patience in us so we can wait with a good attitude while He matures us, grows us or gets things ready.

Pivot Point: Patience stays cool while waiting