



## Small Group Leader Study Notes

### BOTTOM LINE:

Patience - Waiting with a good attitude.

### MEMORY VERSE:

"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

### BIBLE STORY

#### *The King Patiently Waits*

David was a young man tending sheep when he was anointed King of Israel. It was 20 + years before he finally became King. He was patient and endured many years of Saul chasing him and trying to kill him. He knew the right thing to do was wait until the Lord not only anointed him, but appointed him.

### READ THE BIBLE

1 Samuel 16:11-12

2 Samuel 5:4

Your Notes

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# Lesson 2: Patience

We don't like waiting for things. We prefer instant gratification, but waiting is a big part of life. We spend a lot of time waiting for things, but if it's something we really want, it's worth the wait.

These are some things we have to wait for:

- Waiting in line at a restaurant
- Waiting to get on a ride
- Waiting for coach to put me in the game
- Waiting until I am old enough to drive
- Waiting for my future spouse
- Waiting for God to answer my prayers

If we listen to the Holy Spirit, we can learn to develop Patience to help us wait. Patience is not just waiting for something. **Patience is waiting with a good attitude.** Patience is not our enemy. Patience is our friend.

Patience will keep us out of debt. We don't have to borrow money to get the things we want. We can choose to save our money over a period of time to get something we really want. If we teach our kids to save money, this will be an invaluable habit that will help them throughout their life.

**Patience is a big part of how we trust God.** The Apostle Paul said, "Through faith and patience we

inherit the promises." When we ask God for something, it's rare that we get an answer to our prayers instantly. Saying a prayer is like planting a seed. We need to trust God that He will answer our prayer and that involves patience and time.

Patience helps us to "not be weary in doing good." At times it feels like I am doing a lot of good things but nobody seems to notice. Maybe I am teaching kids every week, but the parents don't seem to appreciate it.

Galatians 6:9 says it like this, "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." (NLT)

People may not notice what you are doing, but God does, and He says you will reap a big harvest if you don't give up. **Patience helps me to not give up.**

**In summary, today's lesson has three points:**

1. Patience is waiting with a good attitude.
2. Patience is a big part of how we trust God.
3. Patience helps me to not give up.

**BIBLE STORY**

# The King Patiently Waits

**READ THE BIBLE**

1 Samuel 16:11-12

2 Samuel 5:4

**THE STORY**

- David was anointed King of Israel when he was still a young man.
- It was 20 + years before he actually ruled as King of Israel.
- He was summoned to the King's Court because he could minister to the Lord and it soothed Saul. (David may have thought that this was his time to be groomed for King, but he was wrong.)
- After he defeated Goliath, David became a national hero.
- Saul became jealous and tried to kill him many times - he even sent him to the front lines of battle, but did not succeed.
- Even after Saul died, David had to wait patiently because Saul's cousin, Abner, appoints another as King. (2 Sam. 2:8-11)
- David waited patiently because it was the right thing to do.
- Even though he knew he was anointed to be King, he waited until he was appointed.

**QUESTIONS TO ASK**

1. How many years did David wait to become King? (20 +)
2. What were some obstacles that he faced? (Saul killing him, other people not recognizing he was anointed as King)
3. Why did he wait patiently? (he wanted the blessing of God, it was the right thing to do)

**SMALL GROUP LESSON**

# Duck, Duck, Goose

*(or Duck, Duck, Grey Duck)***BOTTOM LINE:**

We can learn to be patient in everything we do.

**PROPS NEEDED:**

No props needed.

**HERE IS WHAT YOU DO:**

- Play a game of "Duck, Duck, Goose."
- For this Small Group Lesson, you want to stop the game before everyone has had a chance.
- If time allows, you can play another game at the end of your lesson, but it is important to have a few children that did not get picked.

**HERE IS WHAT YOU SAY:**

- Playing "Duck, Duck, Goose" is a lot of fun, but challenging because you always have to wait for your turn.
- There is great anticipation each time someone begins. You are waiting for them to pick you.
- And then, sometimes you aren't even picked!
- So you were waiting, waiting, waiting and then don't even get a turn.
- Well, that is when patience comes in handy.
- Patience is waiting with a good attitude.
- Patience is a big part of how we trust God.
- Patience helps us to not give up.
- This was a simple game; however, learning how to be patient will help us in everything that we do.

**We have to learn how to be patient:**

- Waiting in line at a restaurant.
- Waiting to get on a ride.
- Waiting for coach to put me in the game.
- Waiting until I am old enough to drive.
- Waiting for my future spouse.
- Waiting for God to answer my prayers.

**ASKING POINT FOR KIDS:**

1. What are some things that you have had to wait for? (allow for response)
2. What happened when you waited patiently? (allow for response)
3. What happened when you didn't wait patiently? (allow for response)
4. Why does God want us to be patient? (it helps us to trust Him)

**FYI:** The name Duck, Duck, Goose for this game is used in 49 states. The only state that refers to this game as Duck, Duck, Grey Duck is Minnesota.

# **Duck, Duck, Goose**

## **Game Rules**

- Sit in a circle; all players should be facing inwards.
- A person is chosen to be “It.”
- Walk around the outside of circle, tapping each person that you pass lightly on the head.
- As you tap each person, say the word “Duck.”
- Those that are designated as Ducks remain seated.
- Decide on the person that you want to be “Goose.”
- This person must chase you, so you want to pick someone you think you can outrun.
- When you reach the intended Goose, as you tap him on the head, say “Goose” instead of “Duck.”
- The “Goose” must jump up and chase you around the circle.
- If you reach the “Goose’s” former seat and sit down before he can tag you, the “Goose” becomes “It.”
- If the “Goose” touches you before you can get back to the empty seat, you have to sit in the middle of the circle.
- Remain in the center of the circle until someone else is tagged out.
- That person then takes your place in the middle, and you go to his old seat.
- You have now successfully played a game of Duck Duck Goose.
- Read more : [http://www.ehow.com/how\\_2060049\\_play-duck-duck-goose.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_2060049_play-duck-duck-goose.html)