



Get Their Attention! (3 minutes)

Materials: Starbursts

INTRODUCE yourself by saying:

Hey! My name is _____ and I'm so glad all of you are here today! In this new series, we will be "VROOM-ing" through God's Word to learn what He says about how we can love others!

You know, it can be hard for me to love others, like when it comes to being patient with my (family member). Do any of you ever have a hard time being patient?

Let's practice being patient together! I'm going to give each of you a piece of candy. If you can be patient and kind to others by waiting to eat your candy until after we read the Bible Story, then I will give you a second piece of candy.

GIVE each child a **Starburst**, encouraging him/her to WAIT to eat it.

ALLOW kids to share their names, & then **INTRODUCE** them to what we are learning today:

You guys are doing a great job being patient as you wait to eat your candy! When you wait with a happy heart and show kindness to others, you are showing love to them. That's because love is patient and kind!

And that's what we need to know today! Love Is Patient and Kind!

Bible Story (5 min)

Materials: Bible Story Mad Lib inside Sheet Protector, Dry Erase Marker, Paper Towel, Hand Sanitizer, Starbursts

FOLLOW the instructions on the **Bible Story Mad Lib**, and then **READ** the story aloud.

SANITIZE hands, & **REWARD** kids who haven't eaten their **Starburst** with a second **Starburst**.

As kids eat their **Starbursts**, **ASK**:

1. **How did Abraham show that he was patient?** (He didn't complain when traveling to all the different places, he didn't give up, he waited with a happy heart for God to tell him where to go)
2. **Patience can be hard, and sometimes having to wait can make us upset. Did Abraham get upset when his nephew kept stopping to use the bathroom or was he still kind to him?** (He was still kind to him)
3. **Are there times when it is hard for you to be patient or kind? Tell us about some of those times!** (Ex: waiting for Christmas, being kind to a sibling, being kind to people that are mean to you, etc.)

God put this story in the Bible to show us WHY it is important to be patient and kind. Just like God blessed Abraham for being patient and kind, do you think God will bless you when you show love by being patient and kind? (Yes)

Let's say what we need to know together: Love Is Patient and Kind!

ASK kids to close their eyes & bow their heads. Model prayer for kids by **PRAYING**:

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us! We know that You are patient and kind, so help us love others by being patient and kind to them. We love You! Amen.

Need to Know:

Love Is Patient and Kind!

Bible Story:

Abraham Moves to a New Land

Genesis 12:1-10;
13:1-7

Materials:

- **Starbursts**
- **Bible Story Mad Lib inside Sheet Protector**
- **Dry Erase Marker**
- **Paper Towel**
- **Hand Sanitizer**
- **Red Flag**
- **Green Flag**
- **Filler Guide**

Application Activity Summary:

Kids will practice being patient as two teams compete in a "Red Flag, Green Flag" race (Similar to "Red Light, Green Light").

Memory Verse:

"Love is patient.
(point to watch)

Love is kind.
(thumbs up)

It does not want
(shake head "no")

**what belongs to
others..."**
(point to others)

1 Corinthians 13:4a

Questions:

1. **In Large Group, did Vic treat his/her friends from Goodlove's Spark Plugs with kindness?** (No – he/she trampled over them in order to win)

2. **Was Vic being patient or impatient while waiting for the race?** (Impatient)

3. **What are the two ways we can love others that we learned today?** (By being patient and kind)

Application Activity (7 min)

Materials: Red Flag, Green Flag

1. Divide the group into two teams and have each team stand side by side, with arms linked.
2. Have teams stand across from each other. Stand in between the two teams (as space allows, farther distance from you is better).
3. Give kids instructions for how to get to the leader:
 - **Green Flag:** teams will shuffle their feet and race toward the leader (Feet cannot come off the floor).
 - **Red Flag:** teams will stop walking and freeze in place.
4. Alternate waving **Green Flag** and **Red Flag**, with uneven amounts of time for both.
5. If a team does not stop on **Red Flag**, they must go back where they started.
6. The first team to reach the leader is the winner!
7. Play again, as time allows.
8. Afterwards, **SAY:**

- **When you were on red flag, what did it take to wait until green flag?** (Patience) **When you wait with a happy heart, you are being patient!**
- **When we are on a team, it's best to be kind to the other members of our team. Is it ever hard to be kind to people on your team?** (Allow kids to share) **When you are kind to others, you are showing love to them!**
- **How does Jesus show patience and kindness to us?** (Forgiving us over and over, blessing us, etc.)

This week, let's work on loving people like Jesus loves US by being patient and kind.

So what do we need to know today? Love is Patient and Kind!

Wrap It Up (5 min)

Materials: Filler Guide

TEACH Memory Verse and motions (on left) to the group by playing a game:

1. Say the Memory Verse several times, allowing the group to repeat.
2. Say the verse with the group in different ways each time.
 - Whisper
 - Hold nose
 - Fast

TELL kids that they will learn more of the verse each week. Then, if they know the verse in seven weeks, they will win a treat!

ASK the questions on the left, and then **USE** the **Filler Guide** to keep kids engaged in small group.