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True Love (Lesson 1)

## Love is Patient

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### LESSON OBJECTIVE

This series will cover some of the major qualities of Godly love. In this first lesson, children will discover that Godly love means we can wait patiently until His blessings are revealed to us.

Bulletin Board Idea: [Different People](#)

### AS KIDS ARRIVE ( 20 minutes )

Love, Love, Love (Activity) [Click here](#)

### OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISES ( 5 minutes ) Further info? [Click Here](#)

### MEMORY WORK ( 10 minutes )

**"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."**

**1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 NIV**

The children will memorize this passage during the series. Kids may want to start this week with the first verse and learn one additional verse each week, or memorize the entire passage at their own pace. A great way to encourage the kids would be to provide some small reward for their individual accomplishment, that they can patiently wait until the third lesson to receive.

### SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION ( 15 minutes )

#### Introduction:

How many hours would you be willing to study to get an "A" on a test? How many years would you be willing to practice to be a professional athlete? Some things in life takes a lot of patience. But if you are doing them out of love, the wait is not difficult at all. Today our story is about a man who had great love and great patience.

#### Genesis 29: 1-30 (Jacob Marries Rachel)

Read the entire passage to the children with feeling and using different voices. If reading from the "NIV" version, you may want to change the word "lay" in verses 23 and 30 to "joined" for the younger children.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Who was Laban? (verse 10, He was Jacobs's mother's brother, or his uncle)
2. What did Jacob do after he saw Rachel for the first time?  
(verse 10, He rolled away the stones from the well to water Laban's sheep.)
3. Why did Jacob weep after he kissed Rachel? (He had tears of joy because he found a woman he loved.)
4. What was Jacob willing to do to earn the hand of Rachel in marriage? (Work seven years for Laban.)
5. After Jacob worked seven years, what did Laban do? (He gave Leah to Jacob instead of Rachel)
6. Why did Laban give Leah to Jacob first? (It was custom for the older daughter to marry first.)

7. Since Jacob really loved Rachel, how many years in all did he work for her? (14 years)
8. Why was Jacob able to show such patience in waiting for Rachel? (Because of his love for her.)

**CLASS EXERCISES (15 minutes)**

**Friend Search (Game)** [Click Here](#)

**ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (5 minutes)**

**Patience Please (Activity)** [Click Here](#)

**APPLICATION ( 4 minutes)**

When the Apostle Paul described love to the Corinthians, the first thing he said was, "Love is patient." We don't usually think of patience as describing love, but it does. With true love, we will have the ability to wait for whatever it is we hope for. Athletes love sports, but to excel they must patiently practice for many years. Do you think Michael Jordan just woke up one day and was a professional in the NBA? Of course not, he had to practice from the time he was a small child. But because he loved basketball, it was quite easy for him. If we truly love something, we will be willing to wait for it. Like a mother patiently teaches her children, or a man waits patiently to win the heart of his future bride. But most of all, because we love Jesus, we will wait patiently to be with Him in heaven, all the while staying obedient to his word.

**NEXT WEEK**

If someone doesn't love us, should we love them? Can we love them? Come back next week to find out.

**CLOSING PRAYER ( 2 minutes)** Further info? [Click Here](#)