

## SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Patient children come from a patient God .

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Exodus 3 to 7  
1 Corinthians 13:4  
Ephesians 4:2

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

When these verses describe God's character, what phrase is related to patience? (Exodus 34:6, Numbers 14:18, Nehemiah 9:17, Psalm 86:15, 103:8, 145:8, Joel 2:13, Jonah 4:2, Nahum 1:3)

How would you define patience?

In Exodus 3 to 7 we find the story of God's interaction with Moses prior to the Exodus. What are the excuses that Moses makes for refusing to accept God's call?

How does God respond to each excuse?

If you were God, how would you respond to Moses?

How old were Moses and Aaron when they went to see Pharaoh? (Exodus 7:7)

Why did God wait so long before asking Moses to lead the Israelites? (see Exodus 2:11-15 for one possibility)

How has God demonstrated His patience toward you?

What is God preparing you for? How is He preparing you?

What area of your life demands patience the most? Why?

### PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His slowness to anger.

Agree with God about your quickness to anger/impatience.

Thank God for His Holy Spirit who produces patience in us.

Ask God for more of the Holy Spirit to deal with situations that are making you angry/impatient.

## FAMILY RESOURCE

Big Idea: Patient children come from a patient God .

### READ EXODUS 3:7-12

What does God want Moses to do?

Make up a chore list that includes a reward for each chore done.

### READ EXODUS 3:13-14 & 18-21

What Moses think might happen?

What does God say will happen?

Practice writing your name/s.

### READ EXODUS 4:1-9

What is Moses afraid might happen?

How does God help Moses trust Him?

Teach each other a new skill.

### READ EXODUS 4:10-12

What excuse does Moses use?

What does God say about Moses' excuse?

Make up some tongue twisters.

### READ EXODUS 4:13

Why did God get mad at Moses?

What jobs need 2 people to do them? Why?

### READ EXODUS 7:6-7

Draw a picture of something you've done that you didn't want to do.

Why did you do it?

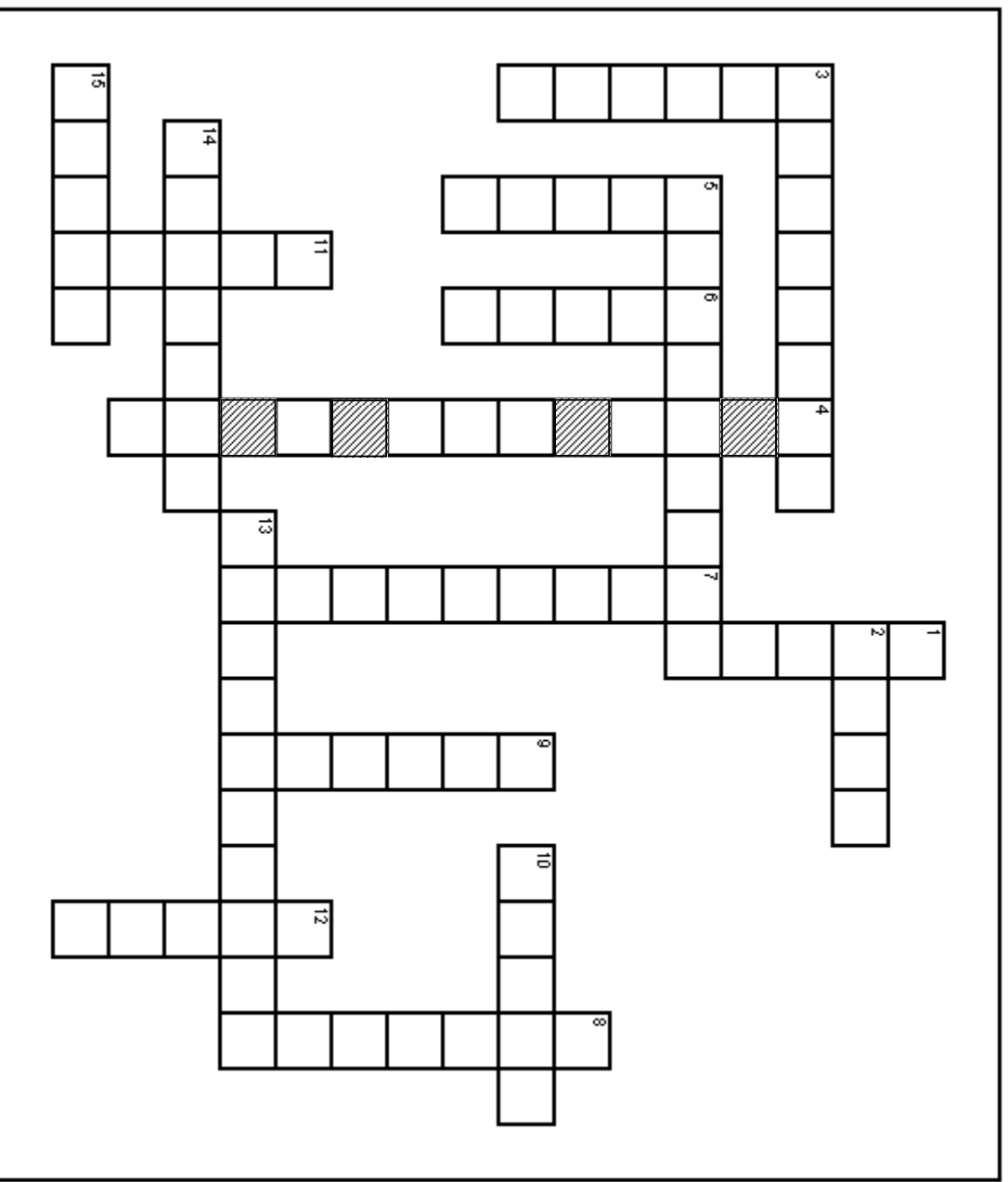
### MEMORY VERSE:

But the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ spirit is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is \_\_\_\_\_ law.

Galatians 5:22-23

# God Is Patient

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



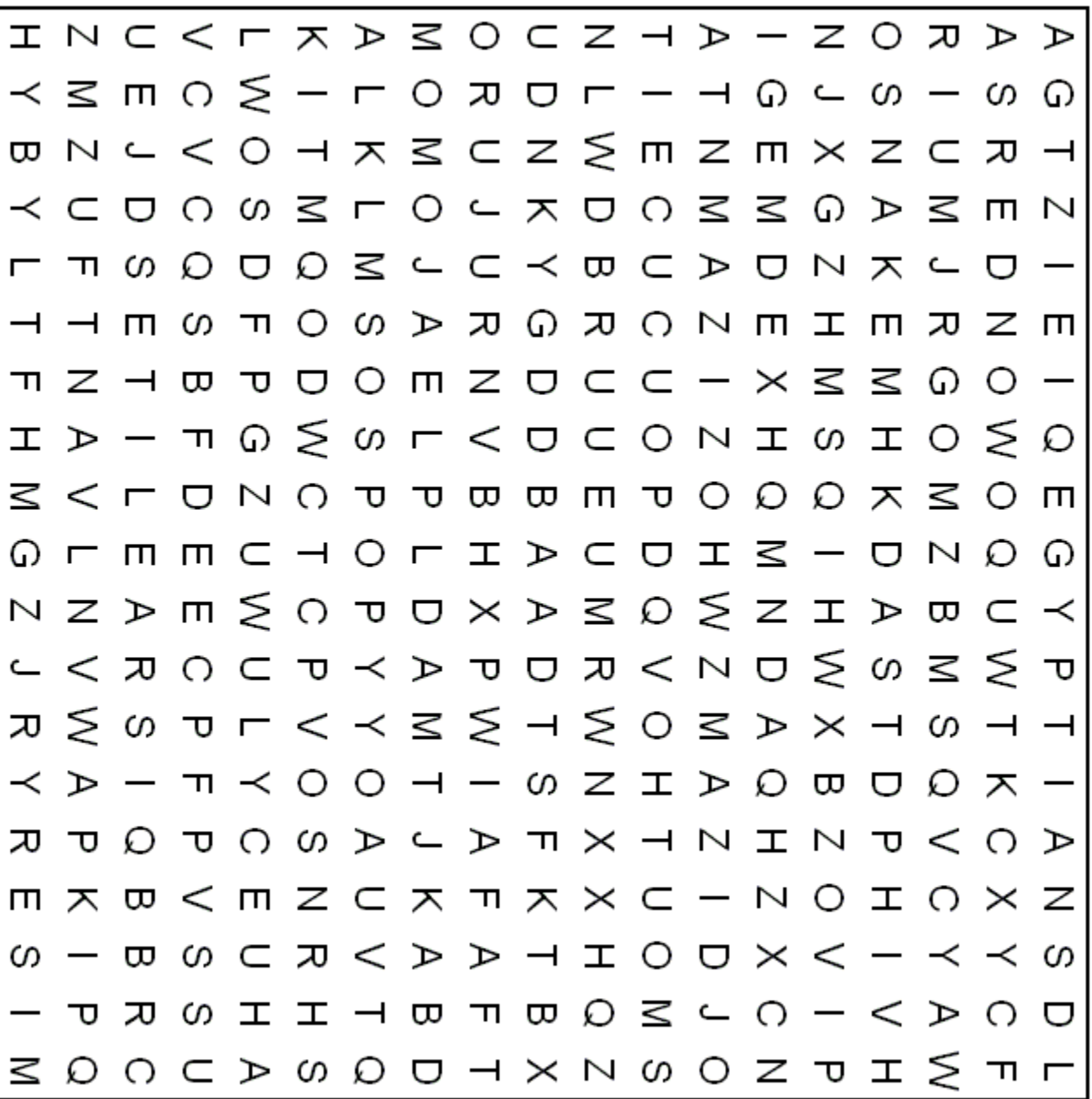
## Across

2. another name for God (Exodus 3:7)
3. large hill (Exodus 3:12)
5. ordered (Exodus 7:6)
10. Moses' brother (Exodus 7:7)
13. God's chosen people (Exodus 3:13)
14. leader of the Egyptians (Exodus 3:10)
15. he didn't want to obey God (Exodus 3:11)

## Down

1. it runs in veins (Exodus 4:9)
3. pain (Exodus 3:7)
4. God's name (Exodus 3:14)
5. coat (Exodus 4:6)
6. you speak with it (Exodus 4:11)
7. they live in north Africa (Exodus 3:8)
8. amazing things (Exodus 3:20)
9. save (Exodus 3:8)
11. Moses grabbed its tail (Exodus 4:4)
12. a wooden stick (Exodus 4:2)

# God Is Patient



mouth

commanded

Egyptians

cloak

staff

Israelites

mountain

wonders

I AM WHO I AM

misery

Moses

Aaron

Pharoah

blood

rescue

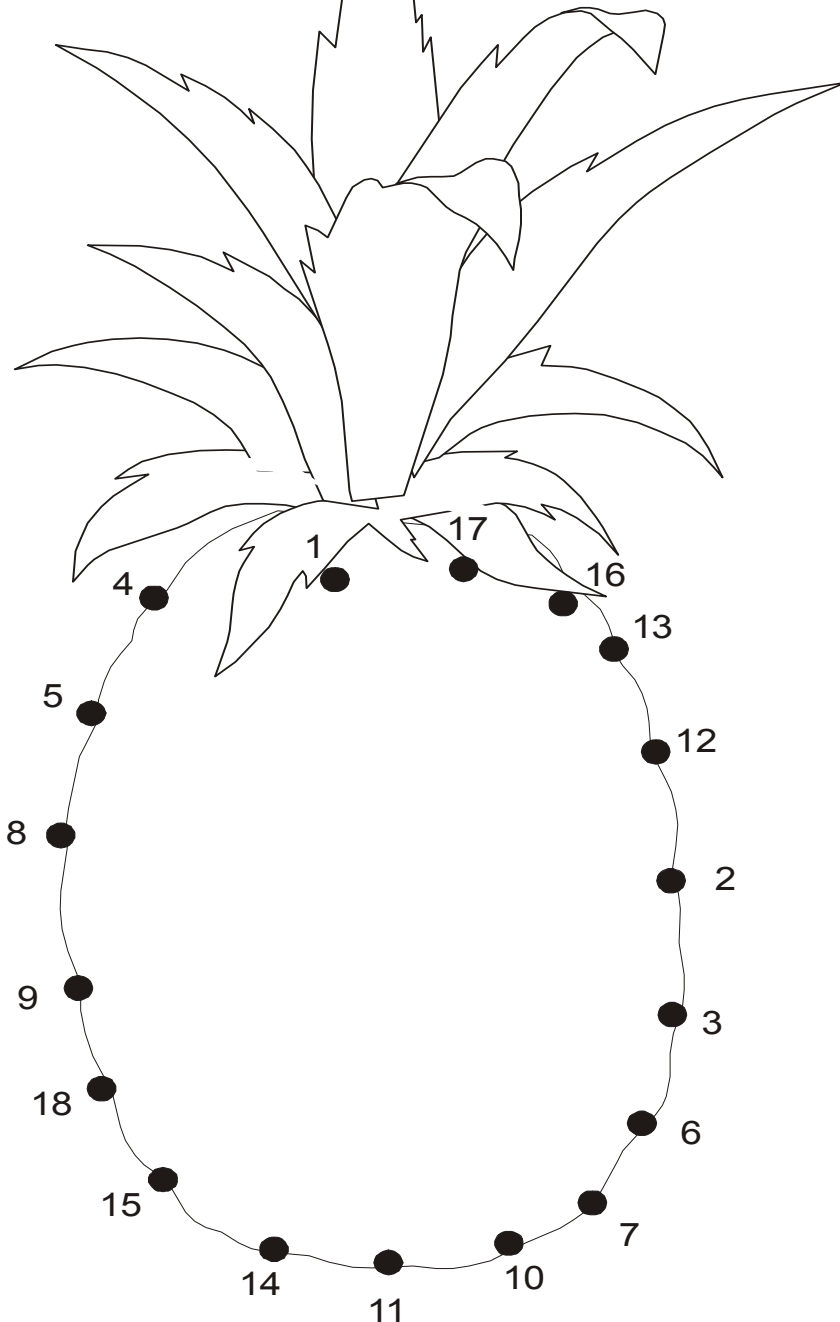
Lord

snake

**PATIENCE** The pineapple represents patience because you've got a lot to do before a pineapple is ready to eat!

Eat some pineapple.

Better yet, **SHARE** a pineapple with someone else!



What two words are found in every verse?

(This makes a great Bible drill!)

Jude 1:21

Zephaniah 3:8

Judges 6:18

2 Kings 6:33

Proverbs 20:22

Micah 7:7

Numbers 9:8

1 Corinthians 1:7

Lamentations 3:26

Psalms 27:14

Isaiah 30:18

Joshua 18:3

### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES:**

Make up or learn some games that your family can play when waiting. Where and when can you use each game? Why is it better to play a game than to get upset while waiting?

Make some yeast bread and grow your patience while waiting for it to rise!

From playdough, make a LONG snake. Whose snake is the longest? Make the letter P using your snake.

Plan an activity for a month from now so that you can learn patience and anticipation.

Each of you choose one thing that you don't understand. Make a list. Everyone should work hard to learn and explain to each other about the things on your list.

**Additional Bible verses:** Ephesians 4:2; 1 Timothy 1:16; 2 Peter 3:15

### **MUSIC:**

**Galatians 5:22-23**

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1. AEPGITNSY \_\_\_\_\_
2. ANOAR \_\_\_\_\_
3. HOHARAP \_\_\_\_\_
4. ITSEALRSIE \_\_\_\_\_
5. DRLO \_\_\_\_\_
6. SOEMS \_\_\_\_\_
7. SEUCER \_\_\_\_\_
8. FFSAT \_\_\_\_\_
9. HTOUM \_\_\_\_\_
10. MNTINAOU \_\_\_\_\_
11. ZMZZAIMOZZHIW \_\_\_\_\_
12. NOSEWRD \_\_\_\_\_
13. OADMMDNEC \_\_\_\_\_
14. SKNEA \_\_\_\_\_
15. MRISYE \_\_\_\_\_
16. OOLBD \_\_\_\_\_
17. AKOLC \_\_\_\_\_