Patience

Lesson Introduction

Developing Godly character, is similar to the making of a diamond ring. The diamond originally comes from the dirt. It goes through a complicated process in order to become the beautiful diamond that ends up on placed on a ring.
Character is like that multifaceted (sided) diamond.
A diamond in the rough does not have natural beauty. A person without character also lacks inner beauty. A diamond is not ready for a ring until the master diamond cutter has had his way completely. As the cutter works on the diamond, each successful cut increases the beauty and value of the original rough stone. If the diamond fracture under the process the stone becomes of little or no value. So it is with the individual who submits to the Masters hands.

God can complete the good work in us as long as we remain yielded to His teaching. An unteachable spirit is like the diamond with inner flaws that shatters under the
The goal of this manual is to teach several of the attributes that it takes to develop godly character. If a child does not develop godly character, whatever they grow to become will only be a sadly dull image of the beauty the Master desired for them to become.

Flash Point

Patience: Hard 2 find.
Important 2 have.

LESSON FIFTEEN

Memory Verse

Flash Point

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PREPARATION LIST

Prepare all songs and story pictures. Trace and color the songs and pictures onto transparencies or larger pieces of paper. If any items are not available, attempt to locate acceptable substitutions.

Welcome: Mad Scientist (MS) costume. Horn or noise maker.
National Anthem: National flag
Game #1: Steering wheels,chairs and music
Game #2: Chop sticks, uncooked beans
Special Emphasis:
Offering: Containers for offering
Announcements: Flyers for next meeting
Lesson Introduction: Ingredients for cooking cake, atimer, table, pot, paper and matches
Memory Verse: Offering container, marker pen and paper
Bible Story: Material to make an altar, rocks
Object Lesson #1: Paper, candy, cola,etc.
Object Lesson #2: Steering wheel, treat and paper
Object Lesson #3: Paper, marker pen, crown
Object Lesson #4: Poster board marker pens

Kids Club Rally

Welcome:
KIDS Rules
Prayer _____
National Anthem _____
Theme Song _____
Praise Songs _____
Review Questions #1 _____
Game #1 Let's Drive
Review Questions #2 _____
Game #2 Chop 'd' Sticks
Special Emphasis
Offering _____

Worship _____
Special Ministry _____
Announcements _____
Lesson Introduction
Flash Point: Patient: Hard 2 Find...
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Bible Story Couldn't Wait!
Object lesson #1 Sign Post - Map
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Object lesson #3 The Crown
Object lesson #4 Walking Dead
Story Time In The Dungeon
Ending Prayer

PATIENCE

Welcome

Props: Mad Scientist (MS) costume. Horn or noise maker. (Could be made out of a paper cone).
Preparation: Dress a volunteer to look like a mad scientist. (Be creative.)
Leader: Last week we learned about Character. Remember there is a difference between being a character and having character.
Mad Scientist: Interrupts, coming out honking a horn. “Hi everyone, here I am! I’m a character! Do you want to be a character?” Come on and help me make noise. Everyone as loud as you can on the count of three make your hands into a megaphone and shout honk. One, two, three... Honk!! (**MS** encourages all the kids to participate.) (Laughing) That’s great you are starting to learn how to be a character like me. **Leader:** (To MS) OK now, that’s enough, we have a lesson to teach today. Thanks for your visit. We’ll see you later. Bye. Kids, tell our character, good-bye. **MS** goes out honking his horn. **Leader:** Remember what we learned? To be a character is not the same as having character. The Mad Scientist is a character, but that does not mean he has character. Today we are going to learn more about what it means to have godly character.

Kids Rules
Opening Prayer

Select a child to pray. (Alternate with different children from week to week).

Suggested prayer: Dear Jesus, Please help us to have fun and to learn the more about having godly character. Please help us to be patient and to obey you. Thank you Jesus. Amen.

National Anthem
Praise Songs
Review Questions

1. What was last weeks Flash Point? Character: It’s not there. It’s not there. It’s there!
2. What was the Bible Story. About Gideon.
3. Rules of Life #2. I have sinned.
4. Last weeks Memory Verse.

Game #1
Let’s Drive

Props: Steering wheels made of cardboard or acceptable substitute, chairs, and music.
Preparation: Line up the chairs.
Participants: Recommend eight players. Equal numbers of boys and girls. All ages may play.
Game Rules: Have the children seated with steering wheels in their hands. Explain that when the music begins the contestants are to stand and drive themselves around the chairs until the music stops. When the music stops they are to sit down. Each round remove one chair. The child who has no place to sit is removed from the game. (**Teachers note:** Even though this is a game it is also a part of the lesson. The winning is reverse competition. The lesson is teaching patience. When the children actually begin to drive they will discover that patience is an important part of being a good (godly) driver.
The first children out should receive the best prizes. **Example:** If you use candy the first child out could receive eight pieces of candy. The next child seven, continuing on until finally the last child receives one piece of candy. **Do not announce the rewarding process until the completion of the game.**

Keys to Success

These lessons are not intended to be taught word for word. The teacher is the filter and molder of what the lesson is to become. It is similar to a recipe. A good cook will modify a recipe to fit the taste of the people who will be eating. In the same way, these lessons are best adapted to fit the age, culture and needs of your individual group.
May the Lord bless you, as you have fun preparing a feast. Take the Bread of Life to the children.

LESSON FIFTEEN

Review Questions

1. Is character just what you know? No.
2. Is character just what you do? No.
3. Is character who you are in your heart? Yes.
4. Godly character is like 'what' in a purse? Treasure.
Create additional questions for additional contestants.

Game #2
Chop 'd' Sticks

Props: Chop sticks, uncooked beans, peanuts or an acceptable substitute. Two bowls and two clear containers.
Preparation: Place two bowls of beans on the contestants table or floor. Supply each contestant with a pair of chopsticks. If necessary instruct on how to use them. Place the empty clear containers, approximately one meter away from the each teams bowl of beans. Make sure the audience can see the game. Have cheer leaders ready.
Players: Two groups. Group size your choice.
Playing: Line contestants up near their bowls of beans. On the signal to go, they are all, (as quickly as possible) to use the chopsticks to transfer their teams beans into the empty glasses. When the beans are gone the game is over. The winner is declared by measuring the amount in the glasses.

Offering
Children in Ministry
Worship
Announcements

Lesson Introduction
Mad Scientist's Mess

Preparation: Ingredients for cooking cake, a timer, table and a screen. Pot, paper and matches. Have cleaning supplies available as needed. (Feel free to substitute whatever you need. Flour in a bag will work instead of smoke.)
Presentation: The **MS** comes in, he is very excited. He has the bundles of cooking supplies, (perhaps a chef's hat on) and he announces to the kids he is going to bake a quick bake cake. He is very dramatic and announces he is the best cook in the world, etc. He begins the preparation to make the cake, flour flying, cracking an egg, the shell flies, etc. Finally it is ready to put in the oven. (Behind the screen.) He announces that this is his invention it is a quick bake cake, it cooks perfectly at 1300 degrees in 30 seconds.

Warning: When dealing with flammable objects always take proper precautions.

After setting the cake behind the curtain he greets the audience, asks them if they want to shake hands etc. with the greatest cook in the world. At the same time have a helper light some paper creating smoke, perhaps popping a balloon for the noise, a fire alarm, whatever you can add to the effects. When the smoke and noise goes off the **MS** rushes back distraught, his cake is burnt to a crisp. He exits groaning and complaining of still being hungry.
Leader: Steps in and asks the **MS** who is off stage or going off stage what the problem was. The **MS** answers, "Oh, my cake was a little over cooked."
Leader: Ask audience. Is he a character? The answer is yes (with a laugh). Can we really cook a cake perfectly at 1300 degrees in 30 seconds? Not really. It takes time to bake a cake. We have to be patient. The cake needs to have time to rise and cook just right both on the outside and the inside. God is working in us to create in us godly character. It takes a life time. We can not rush it. Today's lesson is about developing patience.

Memory Verse

To obey the Lord is better than sacrifice, and to pay attention is better than the fat of rams.
I Samuel 15:22
Props: Offering container, paper and marker pen.

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Preparation: Make several pieces of play money. Some of high value and some of little. Make a scripture poster or transparency. Practice today's memory verse with the music provided on the Kids Praise and Worship tape.

Presentation: Holding up the offering container ask the audience, "If someone deliberately stole fifty cents (insert your own currency.), then later they feel sorry for doing it, would God forgive them if they gave fifty cents in the offering? (Listen for a 'No,' answer.) How about if the person who stole fifty cents gave one dollar in the offering? (Again listen for a 'No,' answer.) How much would the person have to give before they were forgiven by God? Encourage a response.

The answer is, God will not forgive them unless they ask for His forgiveness. God will not accept payment for sins to be forgiven. It is only Jesus who can forgive sins not the gifts or sacrifices we give trying to earn or to buy His forgiveness.

Flash Point

Review last weeks **Flash Point** with actions. **Character** is the good or godly actions that come from our heart. Character is not found in what we know. Point to your head, *meaning knowledge*. Shake your head no. **It's not there.**

Character is **not** just what we do. Point to your hands, shake your head no. There are people who know how to work hard, but that does not mean they have godly character. What we do, does not necessarily mean we have good character. **It's not there.**

Godly character comes from the heart. Point to your heart. Shaking your head yes. If you have godly character it comes from knowing and serving God. Having God in your heart and following Him is the best way to develop good character. Good character comes from the heart. **It is there!**

Today's lesson is talking about one part of godly character, **"patience."** If we love God and learn to be patient we are learning to develop godly character. Patience is often hard to find, but important to have.

Quiet Seat Time

Bible Story
Couldn't Wait!

I Samuel 13
Drama

Preparation: Read today's scripture passage in order to familiarize yourself with Saul's impatient character. Use words, drama and actions appropriate for your group. The two actors need to taking adequate time to practice the lesson (not necessarily word for word). This will make the lesson go well.

Props: Material to make an altar. Rocks, wood, etc. Appropriate clothing for the characters, wrist watch. (May want to have the alter smoke).

Presentation: Child playing the part of Saul comes in talking to himself looking at his watch. Where is that prophet Samuel? What a slow poke. He told me to wait seven days. This is the seventh day. Look at the time! Samuel is not even here. I've got to get back to the palace. The Philistines are coming with an army too big to fight and if I don't leave now all my men will leave because they are getting more and more frightened. OK it's the seventh day, I waited as long as I can (Shouting, angrily) I can't wait any longer! I will offer the burnt sacrifice myself. Saul leans over (pretends) lights the fire and as warms his hands over the fire. Well that's done. Now I can go home. Samuel, arrives. "Saul what have you done?" he asks. Saul replies, "When I saw the men leaving me, and you didn't come when you said you were, and the Philistine were coming. I knew we hadn't done the sacrifice to God yet so I felt forced to do it myself.

You have done foolishly. You have not obeyed the command of the Lord. Since you did not obey God, He has decided to have another man lead His people. I'm leaving. I never want to see you again. (Samuel exits).

Saul shouts to the audience. It isn't my fault. Samuel didn't come on time. Don't blame me, it's all his fault. *I was trying to do something nice.* I just wanted to sacrifice to God. (Saul exits still muttering.)

Impatience and disobedience destroyed Saul. He did not die immediately, but the rest of his life was spent without God's presence.

Today's memory verse is Samuel talking to Saul. It is also a lesson for us. It is very important for us to obey and listen God. Saul was too impatient. He tried to do it his way, not God's way. **Flash Point: Patience: Hard 2 find. Important 2 have.**

Object Lesson #1
Spinning Sign - Map

Props: Paper, candy, cola, money, book, cake, marker pen, and a Bible. Pictures or the real items.

Preparation: Make a pointer, mount it on a piece of cardboard attaching it in the center allowing it to be spun in a circle. Around the pointer put various words or objects such as; cake, candy, cola, money, college.

On two separate pieces of paper write the question. 1. Is it nice? 2. Is it heaven?

Presentation: Spin or ask someone in the audience to spin the arrow. Whatever it points at hold up the paper with first the question, "Is it nice?" Then the second. "Is it heaven." Allow a response. If it points to "candy" hold up a piece of candy. Yes it is nice, and describe the item. It is sweet. Some people like candy so much that they eat candy more than they brush their teeth. Cola is sweet but does enough to provide the vitamins we need. Money is nice but will not buy our way to heaven. No matter how much we give to the church. Only a personal relationship with Jesus will do that. College, nice but no amount of knowledge will take us to heaven.Cake, sweet, nice to eat, but won't take us to heaven. Last, hold up the Bible. Explain that the Bible is our map to get to heaven. Ask the audience, What is our map to help us get to heaven?

Have them answer, "The Bible." Ask for a volunteer to come forward. Have them close their eyes and spin them around four or five turns until they are dizzy. After you spin them around, have them open their eyes and point to the only map that can get them to heaven. They should point to the Bible. Never forget, no matter how tough life is, if you lose track of the Bible you will lose track of the map to heaven. It takes time and patience to study and follow the Bible's teaching. If you are not **patient** enough to follow the Bible, life is full of nice things but like Saul doing nice things without obeying God will not take us to heaven. If you lose your patience - and don't follow the Bible you will lose your way to heaven. **Flash Point: Patience: Hard 2 find. Important 2 have.**

Object Lesson #2
The Rush

Props: Steering wheel, treat, and paper.

Preparation: Make a steering wheel out of styrofoam or cardboard. Roll a piece of paper into a tube to use as a megaphone for the horn.

Presentation: Girl sitting at a table distributing a treat. A line of children are waiting. A boy at the end of the line with a steering wheel and horn comes barging up to the front of the line, (not waiting his turn) demanding his treat. The girl sternly tells the boy, "Go to the back of the line you are being rude." All the others in line are frowning and pointing for him to go to the back of the line. **Freeze. End of scene I.**

Scene II: Same children in the line. This time the boy waits his turn, and when he reaches the front of the line the girl greets him with a smile and gives him his treat. Ask audience, "Which time did the boy obey Jesus?" Every day each one of us have an opportunity to practice obeying the teachings of Jesus. What will Jesus find in your heart? It all depends on how you live your life.

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Object Lesson #3
The Crown

Props: Paper, marker pen, crown, cleaning supplies.
Preparation: Phil. 2:5-7 and Rev. 2:10. On a piece of paper write, Dear (insert volunteers name), I, Jesus' love you. I will be coming back for you, and will have a crown for you to wear. Remember crowns are for kings and queens. Please also remember that a good king or queen, must first learn to be a good servant. Be patient. Being a servant is not easy. I know because I was one. Think about the job a servant does. When you serve, "Serve me." Don't do it for money, and don't do it for thanks. If you can do it, and if no one sees or knows all the better. I love you! Your best friend, King of King's Jesus Christ.
Presentation: Volunteer is to come in reading his letter out loud for the audience to hear. He scratches his head. This is really important. If I am to obey and follow Jesus I need to learn to be a servant just like He was. I wonder how I can do that. I know I'll start by scrubbing the floors. Servants do that, and if I love Jesus I must be patient and learn to follow Him in all I do. He goes gets a bucket (place a crown on his head) and cleaning supplies, kneels down starts cleaning the floor. Perhaps singing a simple tune. I'll do it for you Jesus. **Flash Point: Patience: Hard 2 find. Important 2 have.**

Object Lesson #4
Walking Dead

Props: Poster board, marker pens.
Preparation: Make a tombstone to place on the back of the disobedient actor.
Presentation: Two children enter. They are arguing with each other. One is saying, "Did you hear the teacher say that Jesus wants us to be patient and even to be a servant. That's crazy. Why would I want to work like a servant we already have a yaya. (Filipino word for helper or baby sitter). I am not going to stoop to cleaning, I don't have to, my mom and dad didn't say I had to.
With that the girl turns to leave, pausing long enough for the audience to read the sign on her back. On her back are the words, **"RIP Walking Dead, I do not follow Jesus."** The second child remains, pulling the paper off the other child's back. Reads it and shows it to the audience. Serving Jesus is the only way to Heaven. Is serving Jesus crazy? To some people it is.
The remaining child asks the audience, "How many ways did Jesus say there were to Heaven?" Encourage the answer, "One." Yes, Jesus said He was the only way. We need to follow Him. If we are patient we will reach heaven. If we do not obey Him, we will not make it. King Saul tried to do it his own way. He couldn't, neither can we, unless we follow Jesus. If we love Jesus we will obey Him. **Flash Point: Patience: Hard 2 find. Important 2 have.**

Story Time
In the Dungeon

Based on a true story.
Picture 15:1 Many years ago (1866) a little girl named Annie was born. She had a cruel and angry father and a loving but thin and sickly mother. Life in those days was hard. The problems she faced in her home were bad. One more problem that Annie had was that she was going blind.

Picture 15:2 When Annie was 8 years old the dirt was thrown on her mothers casket.

Her mama had died from Tuberculosis. It is a disease that without the proper medication will cause people to become very thin, sickly and coughing. Annie cared for her mom through the sick months until her death.

Picture 15:3 When Annie was eleven years old she was no longer healthy enough to take care of her family. The government stepped in and she was taken to a large government poorhouse crowded with children many who had no parents and no family to go to. The little girl had big hurts inside. She soon pulled back from all contact and communication with everyone around her. She would not talk and scarcely would even eat the food they gave her. The poorhouse was like a nightmare. She was treated very badly. The workers knew she was not normal, and as happens to people who are different, they probably were even a little afraid of her. Some people probably thought she had evil spirits who were tormenting her.

Picture 15:4 Annie did not get better. The poor house workers needed more room for new children and they decided to put her down in what was called the dungeon where they expected her to die. Down in the basement, was where the sun did not shine, and it was very quiet and lonely. The dungeon is where the rats, cockroaches, and spiders live. If you had been left down there, what do you think you would have felt like?

It was always dark except where a little light came in from the stairway, unless someone was thoughtful and lit a candle. Annie did not respond to anything or anyone. She was shutting the world out and was ready to die.

Picture 15:5 There was a lady who did volunteer work in the poorhouse. She had first seen Annie while she was upstairs. Annie captured her heart. She felt sorry for Annie and knew that if the little girl was ever to become normal she would need someone to love her. Every day this nice lady would go down and while cleaning the basement would spend some time singing simple songs to Annie. When she was done she would also leave a couple cookies and a small glass of milk. Annie did not look at her. Never even acted like she knew she was there. Each day when the lady returned the cookies and milk were never touched.

Picture 15:6 After about three months of trying to reach into Annie's heart the kind lady was discouraged and decided that Annie was hopeless and would never be well. The lady decided that she would instead give her time and love to a different child, one of the many children upstairs that she knew she could help. It was much more fun to play with children that would smile, hug, and kiss her when she cared for them. A child that could or would not respond was very hard to care for.

Picture 15:7 For the last time she went downstairs into the dungeon to say good-bye to little Annie. Something caught her eye. The cookies! One of the cookies she had placed next to Annie had a bite out of it, just the size a little eleven year old would make. The lady was not sure if it really were Annie because it could have been a rat, but she decided to give Annie just a little more time. The days passed and the lady kept visiting Annie, and each day she slowly began to respond to the ladies love.

Picture 15:8 As Annie grew better she was able to move upstairs with the other children. She began to walk, talk and play like the other children. Annie loved following the kind lady around. She looked up to her and loved her as much as if she were her own dear dead mother. Annie was quick to follow her example and help other children who were in need. She learned to love Jesus just like the lady who saved her life.

Picture 15:9 Annie grew up in the poorhouse and when she was old enough to be released, she told the poorhouse overseer's that she did not want to go. She told them,

"I am so thankful for the help of my kind friend that I want to dedicate my life to helping other people who have problems like I had." And that is what she did. Until she grew old and died you would always find her with the children, often with several around her holding her hand and learning from her example. You may never read of Annie's name in a history book, but Jesus knows the names of all His servants and has given Annie a crown and has written her name in His book of Life.

Picture 15:10 Many years later the Queen of England heard about a famous lady who was touching and influencing thousands of people, through her service of love. The ladies name was Helen Keller. Helen Keller was one of the most influential ladies in the past century. The Queen sent a message to Helen Keller and requested a meeting with her. She gave Helen one of the highest awards that she could give, in recognition to her accomplishments of helping blind and handicapped people. This is one of the first times in history that this award was given to a lady from outside of England. Helen Keller told the Queen that it would not have happened if a lady named Anne Sullivan had not cared for her when she was a child. You see as a child Helen Keller was deaf, blind and could not talk. Anne Sullivan, or Annie as many people called her was hired to teach Helen when she was seven years old. Annie helped to teach Helen Keller to read, write and even speak.

But first a nice lady loved and helped Annie, when no one else would. Then Annie helped Helen Keller, who then helped millions of people to overcome the problems of blindness all around the world.

Wrap Up

Taking care of a mother when she was dying of Tuberculoses and when the girl was almost blind, with an angry cruel father, is a sad life. But Jesus can take even the worst problems and turn our lives into something wonderful. The question is, “Will we have the patience to let Him change our lives?” If you want Jesus to help you to become more patient and loving to others, raise your hand.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, please help us all to learn to be more patient and loving to one another. Thank you for your help every day. In Jesus name. Amen.

Prop for Object Lesson #3

Presentation: Volunteer is to come in excitedly reading his letter out loud for the audience to hear. He scratches his head. This is really important. If I am to obey and follow Jesus I need to learn to be a servant just like He was. I wonder how I can do that. I know I’ll start by scrubbing the floors. Servants do that, and if I love Jesus I must be patient and learn to follow Him in all I do. He goes gets a bucket (place a crown on his head) and cleaning supplies, kneels down starts cleaning the floor. Perhaps singing a simple tune. He says, “I’ll do this for you Jesus.” Before he exits he asks audience to repeat the **Flash Point: Patience: Hard 2 find. Important 2 have.**

Dear (insert volunteers name),

I, Jesus’ love you. I will be coming back for you soon, and will have a crown for you to wear. Remember crowns are for kings and queens. Please also remember that a good king or queen must first learn to be a good servant. Be patient. Being a servant is not easy. I know because I was one. Think about the job a servant does. When you serve, “Serve me.” Don’t do it for money, and don’t do it for thanks. If you can do it, and no one sees or knows all the better.
I love you!
Your best friend,

Jesus Christ

King of King’s Jesus Christ.