



# YM: Be Patient

GOD'S WORD:  
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8A

**D**on't be fooled: this mission is not as easy as it might seem. Ask yourself, when was the last time you had to be patient? Maybe it was yesterday when you were in the line at school, or when you had to wait for your turn on the trampoline or the computer. There are many times each day when we need to wait patiently but sometimes being patient is hard! The Bible tells us that 'love is patient'. What do you think that means?

Let's think about it together. Read this next sentence out loud. Ice is cold. What is the sentence about? Well, it's describing ice. But is that all that we can say to describe ice? No. What are some other words we use to describe ice? How about these: slippery, wet, frozen, transparent, dangerous, useful? All of these words and probably lots more that you can think of give us a bigger picture of what ice is like. It's the same with love.

Love is not just a feeling that we have for our families. There are lots of words which we can use to describe what love

is. One of these words is 'patient'. If we love someone, we will be patient with them.

Sometimes it's not easy to follow our mission of being patient, but we have a wonderful example of someone who is the most patient person ever! Who? Jesus!

### LET'S READ

Turn in your Bible to Luke 9:46-48

**A**n argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. Then He said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all – he is the greatest.'

The disciples were arguing over who of them was the greatest. They really should have learnt by now that Jesus wasn't looking for someone to be the greatest or the best – He just wanted them to love Him and obey Him by loving others. Even so, instead of being cross over their argument He was patient with them and explained to them what being the greatest really meant.

YM: SHOW LOVE BY BEING PATIENT.