

FOR FAMILIES TO LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER IN JESUS

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Fruit of the Spirit: Patience

[Galatians 5:22](#); [Genesis 29:1-30](#)

THE LESSON

Abraham, his son Isaac, and Isaac's son, Jacob, are known as the Patriarchs or forefathers of the Children of Israel. Last week we learned about Isaac making peace over water and wells. This week, we learn about Jacob and the great patience God gives him.

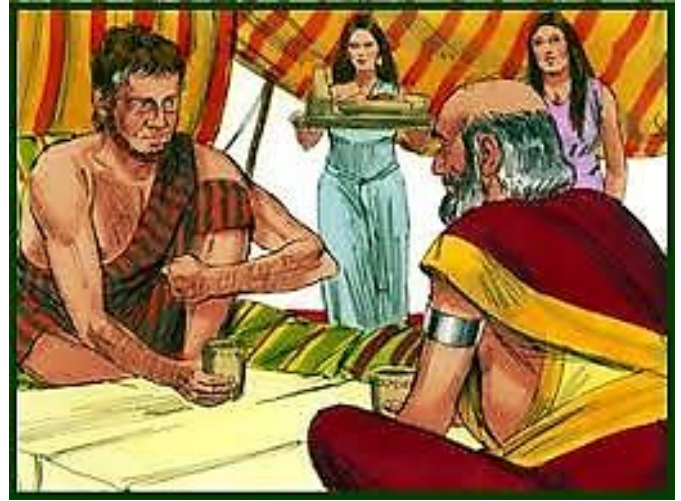
Jacob falls in love with a girl named Rachel, but in order to marry her, he makes a deal with Rachel's father, Laban. Laban says Jacob can marry Rachel if he works for Laban for seven years. Jacob agrees.

After the seven years are up, however, Laban tricks Jacob into marrying Rachel's older sister, Leah, first. Jacob is upset but loves Rachel and still wants to marry her.* Laban says he will allow it only if Jacob works for another seven years. Jacob agrees and trusts that God will give him the patience he needs. Patience is a fruit of the Spirit. Read about it in Genesis 29:1-30. Use the link above.

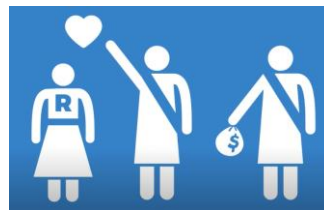
THE POINT

Patience is a fruit of the Spirit.

* You may be wondering why Jacob has more than one wife at a time. This was not God's plan, but because people are sinful—even God's people—and because they are influenced by sinful cultures of people around them, they do not always follow God's Word. This was the case with Jacob and his father and grandfather. They all had multiple wives. This practice brought real trouble into their families, however.



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[Jacob Marries Rachel](#)

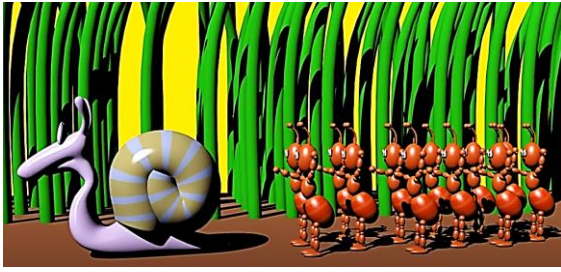


[Jacob and Rachel](#)

Let's talk about it?

1. What does it mean to be patient?
2. AGREE/DISAGREE: Being patient is hard. Explain.
3. Tell of a time you had to be really patient. What made you able to do it?
4. What does patience have to do with today's Bible lesson about Jacob?
5. What good things can come from being patient?
6. Do you know anyone who is having trouble being patient? Explain.
7. What could you share from God's Word that could help this person?





[Fruit of the Spirit: Patience](#)

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[Fruit of the Spirit Song](#)

Through the Week

- Have everyone pick one of the following Bible verses and write it on an index card.
 - Psalm 62:1 (NLT): "I wait quietly before God, for my victory comes from him."
 - Romans 8:25 (NLT): "But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently."
 - Psalm 27:14 (NIV): "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."
- Everyone can carry his or her index card around and refer to it when unexpected or unwanted waiting times come up, such as traffic or a long line.



[You Forgive Me](#)



[Whole Lotta Change](#)



Lord, we pray that as a family we could be completely humble and gentle, patient, and bearing with one another in love. We ask that our love for You and each other would be expressed as patience and kindness. Please send Your Holy Spirit to work in us so others can see Your love in us, by the way we are patient with each other. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



[Living By the Spirit](#)