



Loop



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Proverbs

Week 2: The Patience Proverb

Icebreaker Question

How does it make you feel when your internet access stops working?

The Verse

Proverbs 14:16 NLT

The wise are cautious and avoid danger; fools plunge ahead with reckless confidence.

Order of Experience

Countdown/Hang Out
Icebreaker in Small Groups
Emcee Welcome
Worship
Emcee Transition to Message
Message/Salvation
Offering
Announcements
Activity/Small Group
Small Group Discussion
Check Out

Small Group Discussion

YouVersion Bible Plan

Make sure students check out the Bible Plan associated with this series:

God Can Give You Wisdom

Big Question

How hard is it for you to be patient?

Choose questions for your small group.

1. What stood out to you the most from the message? What's one thing you learned?
2. Today we learned that anyone can access wisdom. Where are some great places to find and learn wisdom? *Ideas: The Bible, Bible Plans, church, trusted leaders, parents, The Loop Show, etc.*
3. Why do you think it was hard to *not* do the instructions on today's activity while they were being read? *Ideas: It can be hard to tell yourself to stop and read all the instructions first when you're trying to win a race.*
4. Read **Proverbs 14:16**. What are some things you can do to slow yourself down and think when you'd rather rush in and say or do something right away?
5. Think about HALT. Which one of these things most often leads you to rush in and make a foolish choice: when you're hungry, angry, lonely, or tired? *Encourage students to share freely. You might break the ice with an age-appropriate story of a time you made a foolish choice due to one of these common struggles.*
6. Pray together. Pray that your students would learn to stop before they rush in and would have patience as they wait for the time to be right for them to do everything God's planning for them. Pray they would learn to hear and follow God's voice above all others.

Leader Notes/Announcements

*Promote **Swerve** to your 6th grade students.

*Tell your students about the **YouVersion Bible Plan** and encourage them to complete it together as a group or with their families using Plans with Friends.