**The Christian Value of Patience**

## **Galatians 5:22-23**

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## **1 Corinthians 13:4**

“Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; it is not arrogant.”

## **Colossians 3:12**

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”

This set of reflection resources is to consider the value of patience as a fruit of the Spirit. Patience is also considered an integral part of Christian love and something we should look to ‘clothe’ ourselves with, in other words, to be seen as part of our identity.

**Key Stage 2 Worship#2**

*You will need the associated PowerPoint presentation.*

**Slide 1:** This slide reminds everyone of our theme – patience.

**Slide 2:** This refers back to the examples of patient waiting in a number of Bible stories looked at in KS2 Worship#1. Explain that this session will focus on one of those examples, Joshua (and Caleb).

**Slide 3:** A bit of background to this time of patient waiting that lasted 40 years (!):

God had promised Abraham, many years earlier, that his descendants would return to the ‘promised land’. He helped Moses deliver His people from slavery in Egypt and He promised to lead them to the land “flowing with milk and honey”. But they took a long time to finally get there. This story looks at how and why.

**Slide 4:** Watch the video of this story of Joshua and Caleb.

**Slide 5:** Use the questions from this slide to reflect on the story and what we can learn from it about the way we behave. For example:

Faithfulness, courage, trust, patience.

When have you shown this towards someone or a situation that was tricky? What did you learn about yourself and others during this time?

**Slide 6:** This slide reminds us of two key messages in the Bible about patience (repeated from the whole school worship session):

## **Galatians 5:22-23:** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control”

Here we can reflect on how we can grow and develop in patience by inviting the Holy Spirit to help us. The Spirit’s presence in our lives can produce this fruit!

## **1 Corinthians 13:4:** “Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; it is not arrogant.”

**Slide 7: Prayer and reflection (invite those who would like to make this their prayer to join in with the amen at the end):**

Dear Lord​

Thank you for the example of Caleb and Joshua – who were faithful, courageous and patient.​

Help us to show these qualities too, to be patient with each other, to listen to you and to do the right thing, even when it is tough to do so.​

In Jesus’ Name, **Amen**