

Prepare

Prepare your preach by reading the passages listed, praying, and then thinking of a creative way to hit the Key Point. Take a look at the [Program Overview](#) for context. You can use the illustration idea or come up with your own. Make sure you hit the key point and give a 'next step' practical application of that point. Only read 2-3 scriptures verbatim. Finally, have a 'ministry moment' where you give kids the opportunity to receive Jesus and/or pray for them around the topic.

Preach Length: 7-10 mins. For further support, see our [Preach Guide](#).

Week 7 Preach: Love is patient and kind

Scriptures

Share about Jesus' patience as the disciples grew in faith from the passages below: Jesus calls the disciples with a miracle (Luke 5:2-11), Jesus heals the leper and calms the storm (Matthew 8), Jesus walks on water (Matthew 14) and finally, Peter declares Jesus is the Son of God! (Matthew 16:13-18). Share when Jesus showed kindness: Matthew 9:9-13, Luke 7:11-17 and Luke 19:1-10.

Desired 'Next Step':

That kids would commit to always showing love and being kind, as Jesus does with us!

KEY POINT: FOLLOW JESUS' EXAMPLE OF LOVE

Jesus' example of love is perfect! Meaning no other example of love will lead us to love well, but Jesus himself! When we look at all the ways in which Jesus loved ie He healed the sick, fed the poor and forgave those who persecuted Him, we can be encouraged that if Jesus can show love to people who didn't love Him back, we are able to love others in the same way! The disciples were instructed to love others, just as Jesus loved them (John 13: 34) and in doing so, people would know that they were Jesus' disciples. Loving people shows others that we follow Jesus. Sometimes it can be hard to love people who hurt us, but we are given the help of the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus' example of love!

SUPPORTING POINTS

Supporting Point 1: Love is patient.

Jesus was very patient with His disciples! It took Peter a number of times before he believed that Jesus was truly who He said He was. Then one day, Jesus asked Peter who he thought Jesus was, and Peter realised Jesus was the Son of God (Matt 16:13-18). We can be patient too and accept that we all need time to grow in our faith. The next time you are let down, get frustrated or upset with someone, remember to be patient with them, just as Jesus is patient with you!

Supporting Point 2: Love is kind.

Jesus would spend time with outcasts (Matt. 9:12), invite thieves to lunch (Luke 19:1-10), and show compassion towards the sick (Luke 7:11-17). It was these acts of kindness that transformed lives and led people to believe in Jesus! We can be people who show overwhelming kindness and generosity so that others may know and love Jesus too!

ILLUSTRATION IDEAS

Have you ever been given a star chart to help you work on a behaviour you need to fix? Your parents know you can't fix it over night, they are patient with you as you learn to make good choices and they reward you for it. They don't throw you out of the house, do they? The next time your sibling or friend does that thing they ALWAYS do, don't repay them in kind! Say what bothers you, encourage them that you know they can change and pray for them!