

Put A Muzzle On!

Bible Point

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Bible Verse

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Bible Story

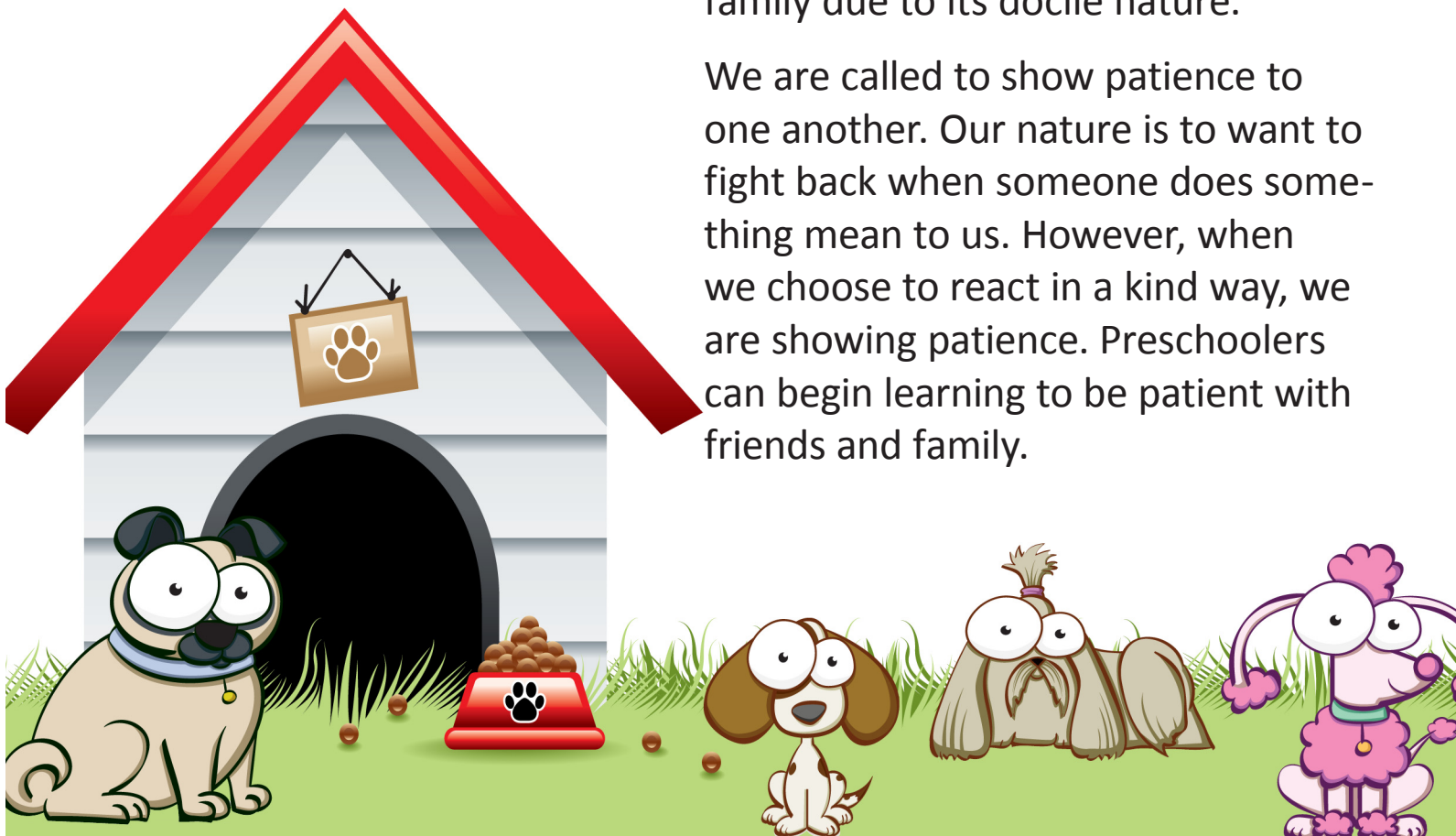
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Deputy Catch U Dog

Supplies:

- Picture of Great Dane

Good morning! I am Deputy Catch U Dog, the local dog catcher. When puppies get lost or they run away from home, it is my job to help them. I help them find their home. This can take some time. If they have a dog tag on, it will tell me where their home is. However, if they don't, then I have to work hard to get them home.

This is the dog I'm looking for today. (Show the picture to the children.) This dog is called a Great Dane. It is a gentle and patient dog. Why I've seen children pull the dog's tail and he will patiently stand there. He doesn't nip at children or growl at them. He is forgiving.

Are you patient like this dog? I sometimes am patient. Other times like when I am trying to get a dog in the truck and he won't go, I can be impatient. After running through neighborhoods, around cars, under bushes, over bushes, under trees (while telling the story, act out doing all these things) and jumping creeks, I can get a bit upset at these dogs. But when I get mad, it doesn't help a thing. I might as well just be patient as I try to catch the dog.

If you see this dog walking around anywhere, give me a call. I need to help him find his way home.

PUPPY Care

Supplies:

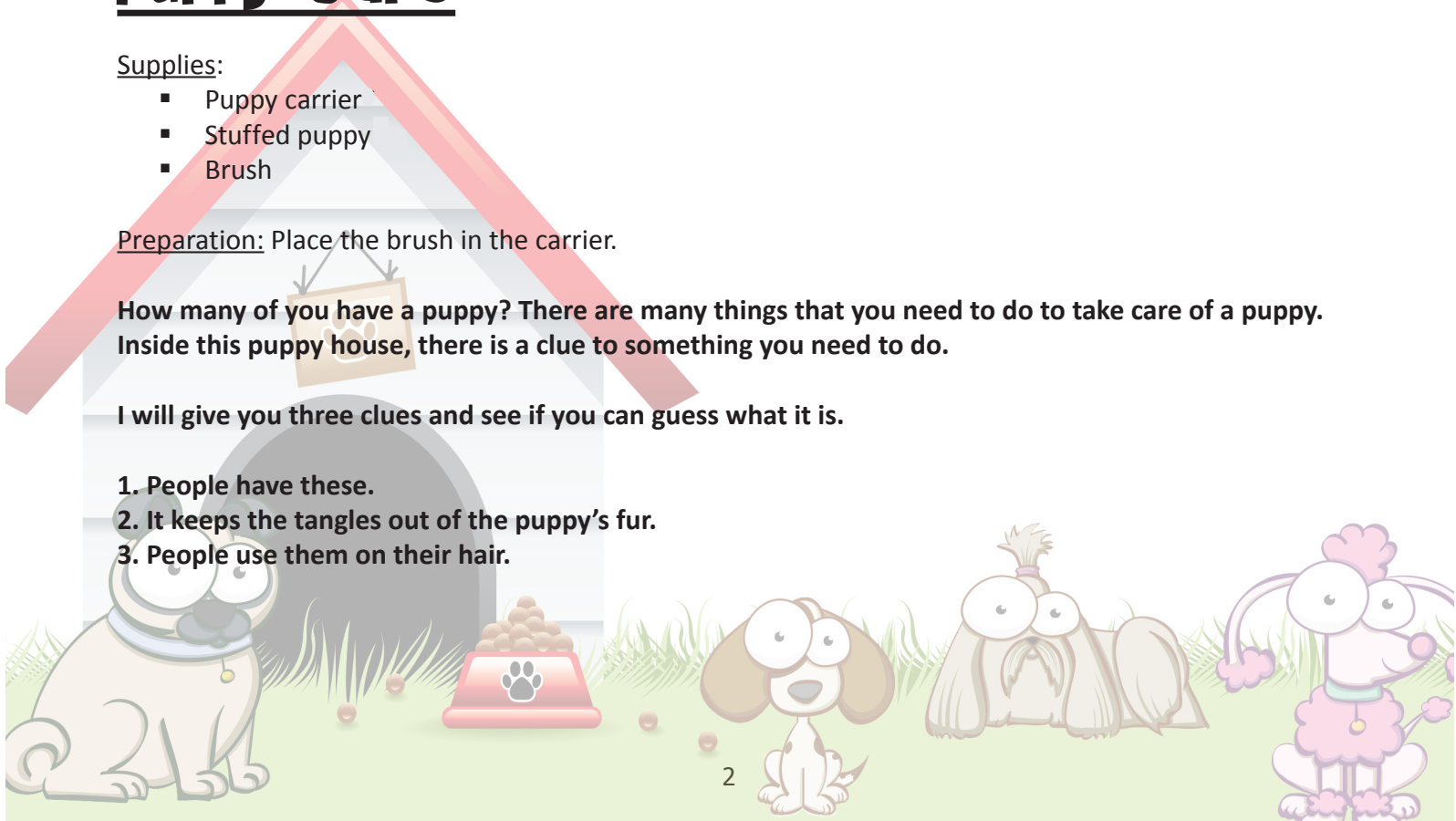
- Puppy carrier
- Stuffed puppy
- Brush

Preparation: Place the brush in the carrier.

How many of you have a puppy? There are many things that you need to do to take care of a puppy. Inside this puppy house, there is a clue to something you need to do.

I will give you three clues and see if you can guess what it is.

1. People have these.
2. It keeps the tangles out of the puppy's fur.
3. People use them on their hair.



Choose a child to look inside the carrier.

What did you find inside? (Hold up the brush.) **It is a brush. Why is a brush something we need to take care of a puppy?**

We need to keep a puppy's fur nice and soft. We need to keep it from getting tangled. Sometimes puppies get grass and stickers in their fur and the brush will help get those things out.

Have you ever tried to brush a puppy? (If you have a small group, give everyone an opportunity to brush the stuffed puppy.) **When you are brushing a puppy, the puppy needs to sit still. This is hard for puppies. They want to run and jump. They want to play. They do not want to sit still. So you have to be patient with the puppy. You have to talk calmly to the puppy. If you get upset because the puppy will not stay still, it just makes things worse. When you are patient with the puppy, the job will be easier.**

Bible Story

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Supplies:

- Throne
- Crown

Preparation: Place the throne in front of the children. The throne can simply be a chair.

Today I am going to tell you a story that Jesus told. However, I am going to need some help. (Choose a child to be king. Have the child sit on the throne. Place the crown on his head. Also, choose children to be the following: servant one, servant two, jailer)

Once there was a king. (Point to the king.) **This king had loaned people a lot of money. The king decided he wanted all his money back.**

One man owed the king a lot of money. More money than you could even think about. Have you ever heard of a million dollars? That is a lot of money! The man was brought before the king. (Have the jailer bring servant one before the king.)

The king told the man, "I want my money back."



The man did not know what to do. He did not have the money. He was so sad. What would he do?

The king told the man, "If you do not have the money then you and your family will be sold."

The man fell down in front of the king. "Please have patience. I will somehow pay you all the money."

What would the king do? Would the king have patience with the man? Or would the king get mad because the man did not have the money? What do you think?

The king decided that he would have patience. Not only would he be patient, he also told the man he did not have to pay back the money. He set the man free.

The man was so happy. (Have the servant jump up and down.) Do you think he went home and had a party with his family? No, he did not. Do you think he went to church and thanked God? No, he did not. Do you think he went and bought his wife flowers and his children toys? No, he did not.

He went and found another man that owed him just a little bit of money like one or two dollars. (Have servant one walk up to servant two.) He said, "Pay me what you owe me! I want my money back."

The second man begged him, "Have patience with me and I will pay you."

But the first man said no. He wanted his money. And he had the man thrown into jail. (Jailer take the second man and put him in "jail.")

Was the first man patient? No, he was not. That is sad. The king was patient with him but he would not be patient with others.

Jesus is patient with us. When we do something wrong, He forgives us. All we have to do is tell him we are sorry and He forgives us.

Do we treat our friends and our family like Jesus treats us? When they do something mean or they hurt our feelings do we forgive them? Are we patient with them or do we yell back or try to be mean to them?

Jesus wants us to be patient with our friends and our family.



Circle Time

Have the children sit in a circle.

Our bible verse today says, “Love is patient.” We love our friends and our family so we should be patient with them.

Go around the circle and have each child tell the name of a member of their family or a friend. Ask the children if they can be patient with that person.

Prayer

Ask the Lord to help the children be patient and to show love by being patient. Help them to not be mean when someone else is mean but rather to show Jesus’ love by being patient.

PUPPY Training

Obstacle Course

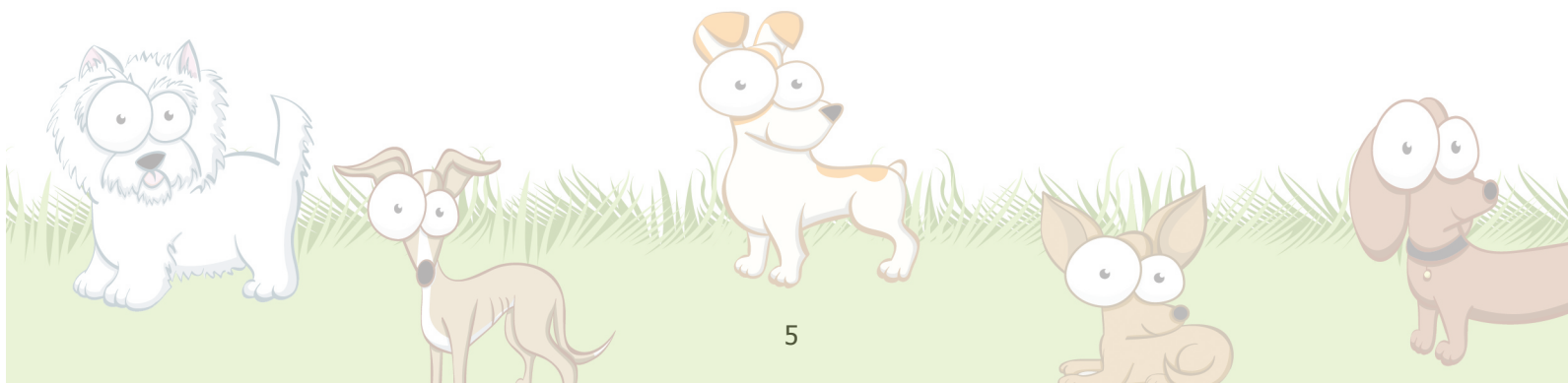
Supplies:

- Materials to make an obstacle course (play tube to crawl through, chairs to run around, dowel rod between chairs to jump over, table to climb under, hula hoops to hop through.)

Preparation: Create an obstacle course. If possible, make it similar to a dog show course. If you have enough materials, you can make two identical obstacle courses and run a relay race with the children.

Begin by letting the children run through the obstacle course.

Do you think it would be hard to get a puppy to go through the obstacle course? You would have to train the puppy for a long time. Showing patience is often like training a dog for an obstacle course. It takes lots of training to have patience. It does not come easy. But we should keep trying to be patient just like a puppy would have to keep trying to learn how to run through this obstacle course.



PUPPY Obedience School

Supplies:

- None

Ask the children how they can be patient in the following situations:

1. You are playing a game with a friend. He gets mad and picks up the game and throws it. What do you do?
2. Your mom is at the bank. You have to stand in line a long time with her. You are tired and you are hungry. What do you do?

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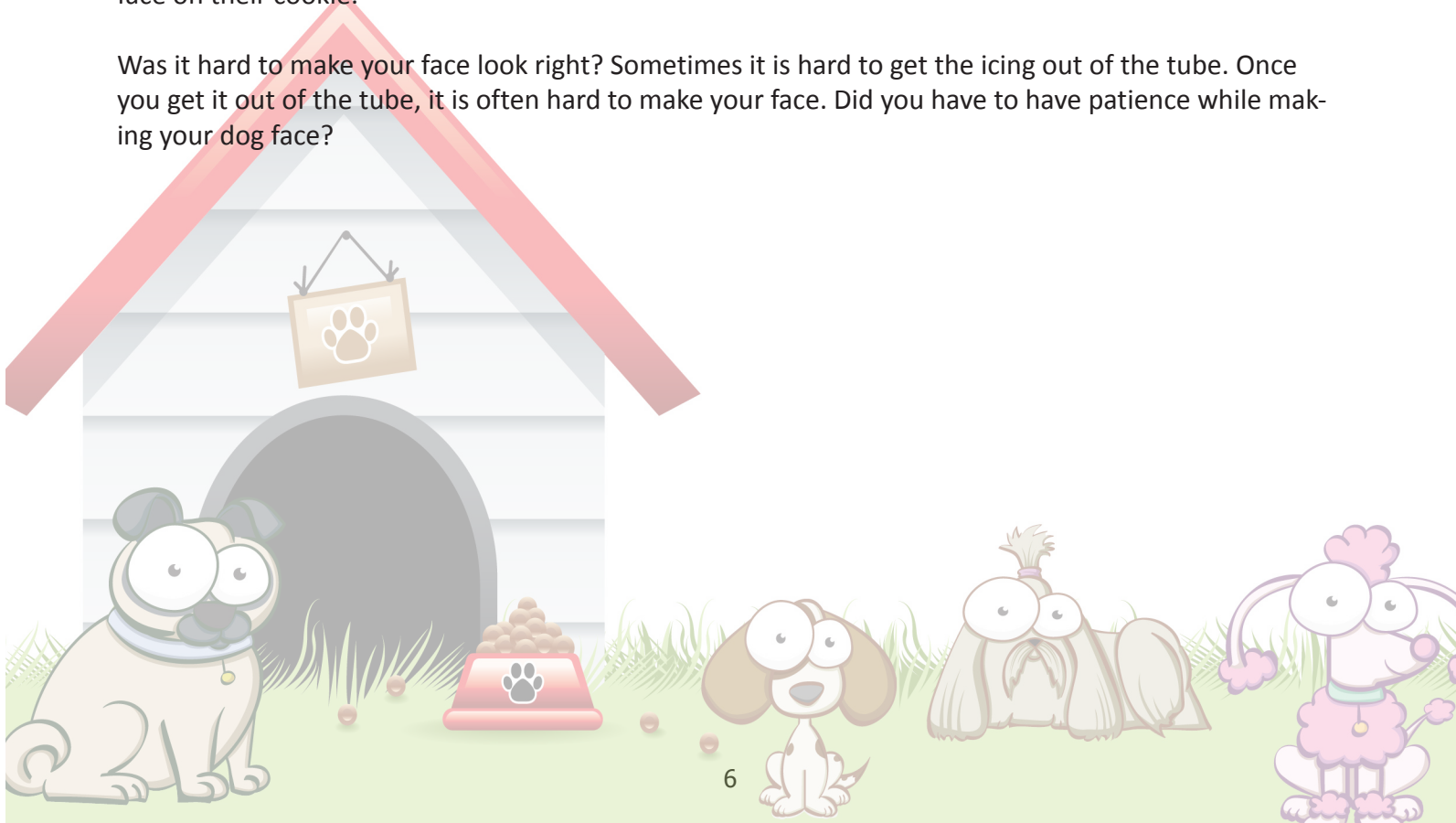
Dog Face Cookies

Supplies:

- Round sugar cookies
- Icing tubes
- Paper plates

For each child place a cookie on a paper plate. Have the children use the icing tubes to create a dog face on their cookie.

Was it hard to make your face look right? Sometimes it is hard to get the icing out of the tube. Once you get it out of the tube, it is often hard to make your face. Did you have to have patience while making your dog face?



Crafty Paws

Dog Puppets

Supplies:

- Paper bags
- Construction paper
- Glue

Preparation: Cut out a puppy's ears, mouth, nose, eyes and tail out of the paper. Use the picture of the Great Dane as a guide.

Have the children make a paper bag puppy puppet. Glue on the ears, mouth, nose and eyes. On the back of the bag, glue on the tail.

Remind the children of the Great Dane who is patient. Point to the tail. Even when the tail is pulled, the dog is patient and will not bite.

When people are mean to us, we need to be patient, also.

PUPPY Play

Supplies:

- Brush

Place the children in pairs. Let them take turns being the owner and the puppy. Have the owner pretend to brush the puppy. Have the puppy show what it is like to be patient (sit still while being brushed) and what it is like to not be patient (try to run around while being brushed.)

Activity Page

Print a copy of the activity page for each child.



Color the person who was patient.
Cross out the person who was not patient.



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Family Discussion

Talk about how to be more patient with one another. What can each family member do to be more patient?

Family Fun

Practice being patient. Have a parent find a fun toy or treat and put it under a blanket. Sit it in the middle of the room. The family must count to 20 together and wait patiently before guessing what is under the blanket. Then, they must wait patiently while they try to guess what is under the blanket. Finally, pull up the blanket and everyone can play with the toy or eat the treat.

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Teaching Needs

Supplies:

Deputy Catch U Dog: Picture of a Great Dane

Puppy Care: Puppy carrier Stuffed puppy Brush

Bible Story: Crown Throne (can use chair)

Circle Time: None

Puppy Training: Materials to make an obstacle course.
Suggestions: play tube to crawl through, chairs to run around, dowel rod between chairs to jump over, table to climb under, hula hoops to hop through.

Puppy Obedience School: None

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Activity Page: Copy for each child

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