

CASTLETON KIDS SUMMER SERIES

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD: GRACIOUS, MERCIFUL, LONGSUFFERING, FORGIVING

Big Idea: God is like nothing else. He is gracious and merciful to undeserving sinners. He is long-suffering, or patient, and forgiving.

Key Passage: Psalm 145:8, 2 Peter 3:9

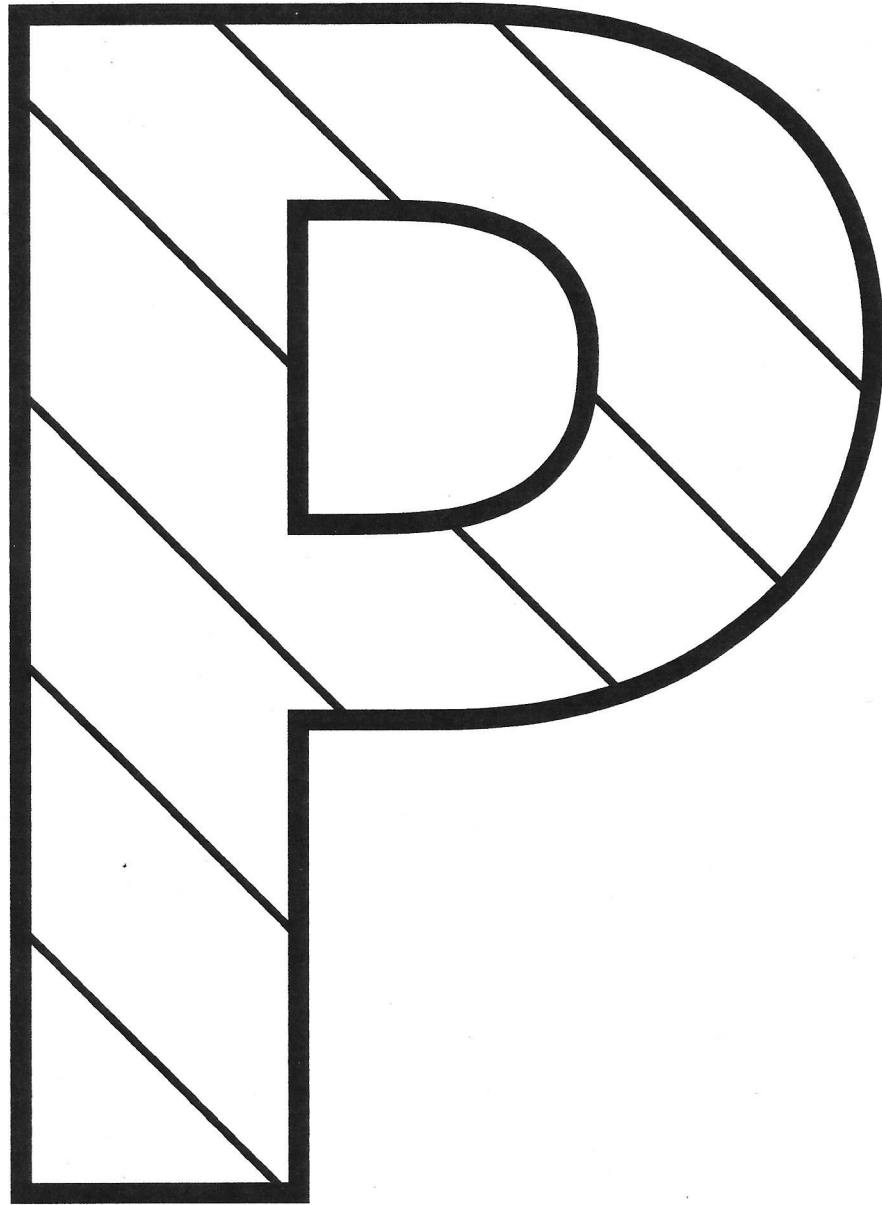
Big Picture Question and Answer: What is true about God? God is gracious and merciful to us. He is patient and forgiving. He wants us to be reconciled to Him.

Family Discussion Starter: Think of a time you had to wait for something. Was it hard? God is perfectly patient. Why is that a good thing for His children?

Family Activities:

- God's mercy is a gift. Wrap a box like a present and name ways that God shows mercy to us.
- Read the story of Noah (Genesis 6). What does this story teach us about patience, mercy and grace from God?

Patient



God is slow to anger
and slow to punish.

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness,
but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish,
but that all should reach repentance.—*2 Peter 3:9*