

2023 Jr. RBI Spiritual Development Curriculum: Week 1

Theme for the Year: What is LOVE?

Verse for the Year: “Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It does not dishonor other people. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people’s wrongs.” 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NIRV

Weekly “Love Challenge”: *Love is patient*

Each week this season, we are going to have a new “Love Challenge.” Just like when we coach you on your throw or your swing in order to help you be a better ballplayer, these challenges will help you *to love others better*. This week, our challenge is to show love by being more *patient*. (*Here you may want to ask your players if they know what patient means just to be safe, especially the tee ballers*). That means being more patient with your teammates and coaches here at practice and on game days. More patient with your classmates and your siblings at home. Yes, even more patient with your teachers and your parents too! Can we all commit to doing that this week? Good! Let’s pray.

Weekly Prayer Prompt: Father God, thank you for another day where we can come together and play this sport we all love. Thank you for each and every one of these players and coaches here today. We ask that you help us this week to show love by being more patient. Guide our thoughts, our words, and our actions to reflect your patient love for us. We thank you that your perfect love was shown to us in your son Jesus. Make us more like him every day. It’s in his name we pray, AMEN.

(These prayer prompts are for your reference but feel free to make prayer your own. We just want to ensure that we are speaking God's love and truth over our players every week.)