

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: APRIL 13-14

Bible Story: Sitting, Waiting, Wishing (Golden Calf) *Exodus 32:1-35*

Big Idea: When you have to wait, remember what's true about God.

Memory Verse: "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord." *Psalms 27:14 (NirV)*

Life App: Patience – Waiting until later for what you want now.

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on Exodus 32:1-35

In week three, we head to Exodus 32:1-35. Moses met with God on Mount Sinai. He left his brother Aaron and the rest of the Israelites to wait. Rather than waiting patiently for Moses to return, the entire nation of Israel rebelled. They built a golden calf and began to worship it instead of worshiping God. If only they had remembered how God rescued them from Egypt and trusted God while they waited!

When you have to wait, remember what's true about God. We can't avoid having to wait, but we can choose how we respond. A good way to discover patience is to think about what's true about God: God loves us and knows what's best for us. God cares for us and is with us. We can trust God no matter what. We pray that kids remember what's true about God when they have to wait.



While you are eating a meal as a family, focus on the fruits and vegetables on your plate. Plants take time to grow, and waiting for them to grow takes patience. Have everyone in the family guess how long it takes for a fruit or vegetable on your plate to grow. Then, at the end of dinner, see who was the closest to the right amount of time. Make a plan to get seeds at the store to grow a plant of your choice this summer to remember the meaning and value of patience as a family!



DAY 1

READ *Exodus 32:1-4*

It's spring! Have you ever heard the saying, "April showers bring May flowers?" April is known for being rainy and cold, but by the end of May, the weather starts to become more like summer! When we look outside and have rainy weather in April, this phrase reminds us of the weather we will have in May. And that helps us have patience in the waiting for summertime.

Just like we have to wait for warmer weather and flowers to grow, the Israelites in today's verses had to wait for Moses to come down from the mountain. They did not focus on what God had done for them or think about what God said He would do. If they had remembered what is true about God, they would have been able to wait patiently and honor God.

So next time you have to wait for something you want now, remember what is true about God! Make up a phrase like "April showers bring May flowers," to repeat when you need to show patience but include something that is true about God. For example, "I can wait because God is great!" This can help you show patience in the future. Write your phrase below on the line.

LOOK for ways to remember what is true about God.

DAY 2

READ "Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up." *Galatians 6:9*

Have you ever baked cookies? There is a lot of waiting that goes into that. You have to gather the ingredients, mix them all together, scoop out the dough onto the sheets, preheat the oven, wait for the cookies to bake and then you even have to wait for them to cool!

But, without all of the steps in between, you wouldn't have been able to end up with a cookie! What if you got impatient and didn't carefully mix the ingredients? What if you didn't scoop out each cookie evenly? What if you didn't let the oven heat up? The end result might still be a cookie, but it wouldn't be the best cookie it could be.

The same goes for patience in other areas of life. You have to show patience and go through things step by step with God to be the best you can be. Today's verse is a great reminder of not giving up when we have to wait. God's timing is perfect and when we remember that we can continue to show patience!

REMEMBER to show patience, even when it is hard.

DAY 3

READ "Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14

This is the memory verse for the month of April! Take some time to read through the verse and practice waiting by playing a few rounds of Red light, Green light, with a parent.

The person who is trying to walk all the way across to the other side of the person with their back turned, will repeat the verse as many times as possible while moving when they are given the "green light". When the other person says "red light," they have to pause saying the verse and moving. If they are caught moving or speaking, they have to go all the way back to the beginning! Make sure to swap roles so you can both work on the verse!

PRACTICE the memory verse as a reminder to be patient.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

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Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.



DAY 4

READ "I was patient while I waited for the Lord. He turned to me and heard my cry for help." Psalm 40:1

Patience is waiting until later for what you want right now. When it comes to waiting, we don't always get it right! But, there is someone who does and is always there to help. God!

God sees us when we are not patient, but He is never impatient with us. He is there to help whenever you have to wait. Sometimes, it can be easy to get caught up in what we want right this second, but shifting our focus and asking God to help us be patient can change the waiting into a time of talking to God and growing closer to Him!

Take some time now and talk to God about something you need help waiting for right now. Thank Him for always being there for you to help. Remember to go to God when you have to wait, and He will help you show patience!

THANK God for helping you show patience when you have to wait.

at a GLANCE



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April 20-21

Kindergarten

April 27-28

4th Grade

May 4-5

3rd Grade

May 11-12

2nd Grade

May 18-19

1st Grade



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