

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: APRIL 20-21

Bible Story: Victory Parade (The Israelites capture Jericho) *Joshua 1:7, 5:13-6:20*

Big Idea: God's timing is always perfect.

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 Joshua 1:7; 5:13–6:20.

Patience is all about waiting until LATER for what you want now. Putting the emphasis on later makes it sound kind of negative, huh? After all, who wants to wait for something you really, really want NOW? Ah, but God, the Creator of patience, who knows exactly what the future holds, and who has our best interests at heart, instructs us to be patient, and gives us the stamina to be patient. Why? Because He doesn't want us to miss out!

Think what Joshua and that second generation of Israelites would have missed if they hadn't sat tight, if they hadn't followed God's instructions to a T. It takes real fortitude to wait NOW not knowing how things are going to work out LATER. But kids need to start understanding NOW that God always has a good reason for instructing us to wait, and that by taking matters into their own hands, they could miss out LATER. As you plan for today's lesson, think about the times you have sat tight and what you will tell your kids about the good things that resulted, for you and perhaps for others.

Bed Time



With a parent, talk about something you are waiting for right now. Discuss ways to show patience by remembering that God's timing is always perfect. Together, pray for what you are waiting for and thank God for being with you while you wait, helping you to show patience even when it is difficult.

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WEEK 3

God TIME

DAY 1

READ "Be strong and very brave. Make sure you obey the whole law my servant Moses gave you. Do not turn away from it to the right or the left. Then you will have success everywhere you go." *Joshua 1:7*

This verse comes from the Bible story of Joshua and the Israelites capturing Jericho. Circle a T next to the statement if it is TRUE and circle the F if the statement is FALSE.

Joshua thought he could capture the city of Jericho by himself. T or F

The Israelites marched around the city walls once a day for 6 days. On the 7th day, they shouted and the walls fell. T or F

God's timing is always perfect. T or F

Joshua knew that he could trust in God's plan and that His timing is always perfect. That helped Joshua and the Israelites follow God's instructions so that the walls of Jericho would fall on the 7th day. Only with God would that have been possible. Just like Joshua and the Israelites were patient and trusted God's timing, you can choose to be patient and wait for something you want now too.

LOOK for opportunities to show patience

DAY 2

READ "The Lord is good to those who put their hope in Him. He is good to those who look to Him." *Lamentations 3:25*

There's no one better at showing patience than God. Every time you mess up, every time you do something you're not supposed to do, God is willing to forgive you. We can always count on God to be good and patient.

How often do you pray? Do you pray before you eat, or before bed? That's great, but what about when you are waiting your turn to swing at recess? Or you are at the grocery store with your mom and you really want to leave? What if a family member is sick and you are waiting for them to get better? All of these things take patience. And to show patience, we need help from the expert of patience, God.

Make yourself a reminder that will help you look to God for help to show patience this week. Maybe you make this verse the background on your computer or write it on your homework folder. You could even take time to write, "Look to God," on sticky notes and with a parent's permission, stick them around the house as a reminder for the whole family!

REMEMBER to show patience, you need to look to God.

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 doing something outside in the spring weather.

Maybe you take a walk with a parent, and you quiz each other while walking around the block. You could take some chalk and write it in big letters on your driveway! Or you could find some rocks, leaves, sticks, or flowers and write out the verse using what you found.

Memorizing Bible verses can be fun, but they also will help you remember what God wants you to do. Memorizing Psalm 27:14 will help you remember that God's timing is ALWAYS perfect!

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!

parent CUE:

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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 "Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray and give thanks to Him." Philippians 4:6

Have you ever been really worried about something? Sometimes when we worry, we want to try to rush ahead and fix things on our own. We can become impatient, which just leads to more and more worry.

One BIG thing to remember when you become worried is that God is with you while you wait. No problem is too big or too small for God. God wants to turn our worry into trust—believing that when we tell God our worries, God will answer us. The answer might not come immediately. It might require some patience and waiting on our end. But even in the waiting, God is in control.

Name something you're worried about right now. Tell God about it. Ask God to show you what to do in this situation. Then thank God for listening.

KNOW God for His perfect timing.

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

April 27-28	4th Grade
May 4-5	3rd Grade
May 11-12	2nd Grade
May 18-19	1st Grade
June 2	4th Grade



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