

# PARENT CORNER

## TODAY: APRIL 6-7

# weekly

**Bible Story:** Can't Hardly Wait (Esau's Impatience) *Genesis 25:24-34*

**Big Idea:** If you don't wait, it could cost you.

**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 Genesis 25:24-34**

Waiting is a part of life. This month we are learning what God has to say about patience. Patience is waiting until later for what you want now. That can be so hard to do.

In Genesis 25:24-34, we find one of the best examples of what happens when you're not patient. After a hunting trip, Esau was exhausted and hungry! And wouldn't you know, his brother Jacob had a pot of stew cooking on the fire. Jacob takes advantage of this situation and offers a bowl in exchange for Esau's inheritance. Turns out, Esau couldn't resist. He lost something extremely valuable all because he was impatient.

**If you don't wait, it could cost you.** Through the story of Esau, we pray that kids will discover why it's important to have patience and wait. We will face moments when we want to rush and take the first choice that comes our way, but that might not be God's best for us. We pray kids will discover that when they wait, they can experience something even better than they can imagine.

Drive Time



Waiting is hard! Especially if you are waiting for something you really want. The next time you drive somewhere, and you have to wait a while before you get there, make it a family goal to show patience. Instead of complaining or getting upset because you have to wait, find a way to show patience.

Maybe you focus on memorizing the memory verse or play a game with your sibling to help them have fun waiting. Before you know it, you will be a pro at patience, and you will arrive where you wanted to be!

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# WEEK 1

# God TIME

# DAY 1

**READ** *Genesis 25:24-34*

Read the verses above and answer the questions about the brothers, Esau and Jacob, writing the correct name for who the statement describes.

Liked the outdoors and hunting. \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred the indoors. \_\_\_\_\_

Was Rebekah's favorite. \_\_\_\_\_

Was Isaac's favorite. \_\_\_\_\_

Traded his birthright for stew. \_\_\_\_\_

Esau was not patient, and it cost him his birthright! In the same way Esau felt like he could not wait, there are times when it is hard to show patience for all of us, and when we choose to not wait, it can cost us something too.

The next time you are in a situation where you need to show patience, remember that not waiting can cost you something, and that choosing to wait can bring good to the situation, even if it is challenging!

**LOOK** for opportunities to wait and show patience.

# DAY 2

**READ** "We hope for what we do not have yet. So we are patient as we wait for it." *Romans 8:25*

**With a family member, have a staring contest, and add a little twist! Instead of just staring at each other without blinking, you have to be completely still. No smiling, no moving your arms, you must sit perfectly still. The person who sits still the longest wins!**

Is it hard to wait? What makes waiting so hard? Discuss these questions with your family member.

Waiting is sometimes the LAST thing we want to do, but we all have to do it. When we can choose to wait with patience, we are making the wise choice. Think about it, when you are with your parent at the grocery store, you have to wait until they are done. You can choose to wait with patience, asking what you can do to help, or you can wait and complain about it. Waiting with patience helps your attitude and can help your parents! Having patience can help us have a positive mindset and help those around us too.

**REMEMBER** that being patient means you are making the wise choice.

# 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. Go get a stopwatch or ask a parent to help keep track of time.

Read "Wait for the Lord," and then stop for 15 seconds. Then read, "Be strong and don't lose hope," then wait for 20 seconds. Then read the rest of the verse, "Wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14."

Repeat that process 5 times! Soon, you will have the verse memorized, which will help you remember to choose patience, even when it is hard.

## HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

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Parent signature

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Date

**Return for 5 Bible Bucks!**

**PRACTICE** the memory verse as a reminder of choosing to be patient.

# DAY 4

**READ** "Love is \_\_\_\_\_. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud." 1 Corinthians 13:4

Jesus said the number one thing we can do is love God and love others. Today's verse explains what that looks like. Fill in the missing word from the verse.

Love is patient! Love does not hurry, or yell, or push to the front. Love lets others go first. Love waits its turn.

Think back over your day. Were you impatient with anyone? What could you do tomorrow to better love God and love others by showing patience?

Showing others that you love them by being patient can be really hard. But God is always there to help. You can ask God to help you choose patience anytime, anywhere. With a parent, take some time now and talk to God, asking that He will help you show patience to others tomorrow.

**THANK** God for helping you show love by being patient.

## parent CUE:

**Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called Parent Cue.** This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

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.



## at a GLANCE



### Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

April 13-14	1st Grade
April 20-21	Kindergarten
April 27-28	4th Grade
May 4-5	3rd Grade
May 11-12	2nd Grade



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_