

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: APRIL 11

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." *Psalm 27:14, NIRV*

Life App: Patience—waiting until later for what you want now.

Bible Story Summary

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



Ask a kid: What are you looking forward to within the next month that you don't want to miss out on?

Ask a parent: What's one of the best things you were glad you waited for?

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WEEK 2

God TIME

DAY 1

Read Psalm 38:15

Meet Johnny: he is seven years old. He can't WAIT until his birthday and all the fun presents he will get. When his parents were busy, he sneaks into their closet and peeks at all the presents. He even plays with a few. Then on his birthday, when he opens his presents, he has NO surprises, and it isn't nearly as fun. Johnny missed out because he thought he couldn't wait.

Think of the best birthday present you've ever gotten. Would it have been as great if you knew it was coming? Are you glad you waited? What does today's verse say about God and waiting? Write a thank you note to the person who gave you that great gift.

THANK God for teaching you to wait.

DAY 2

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4

Johnny is in third grade now and he's not quite tall enough to ride the biggest roller coaster at Cedar Point. So he decides to stand on his toes while he gets measured, and he gets to ride the ride. But the shoulder straps that are meant to keep him safe actually hurt his neck because he isn't tall enough for them to fit correctly. It hurt so much that he doesn't enjoy any more rides. Johnny missed out on a day of fun because he thought he couldn't wait.

Today's verse tells us that love is patient, so let's practice showing love by being patient. Make a TO-DO LIST with 5 ways you can be patient that will show love to your friends and family. Put a star beside them when you've completed them.

ASK God to help you be patient in love.

DAY 3

Read Colossians 3:12

This fall, Johnny is going into fifth grade. He can't wait to show his friends his front flip at the pool party. He runs up the diving board, and without waiting for his sister to get out of the way, does his flip. He lands on her head, and they both have to leave the party and go get stitches. Johnny missed out because he thought he couldn't wait.

Today's verse talks about clothing yourself in characteristics that make you like God because you are His child. Which one matches this month's Life App? Use that word to decorate the boy's shirt. How can you clothe yourself with patience?



LOOK to the Bible to show you how to live like Jesus.

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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 Colossians 1:11-12

This verse is a great picture of what love is . . . and what love isn't. When we put love into action, we show others that they're important and that they matter. We put others first instead of putting ourselves first. We treat others the way we would hope to be treated.

Read today's verses again. Do you see the words, "never give up" or "endurance"? Talk about these words with a grown up. Brainstorm together how you can be patient and wait for something you want now.

KNOW that God loves it when you choose patience!

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

- March 28 **Second Grade**
- April 4 **No Shopping**
- April 11 **First Grade**
- April 18 **Kindergarten**
- April 25 **Fourth Grade**
- May 2 **Third Grade**



Child's Name: _____