

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: MARCH 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:

Waiting is a part of life. 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 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. And because of their lack of patience, God judged an entire nation. If only they had remembered how God rescued them from Egypt and trusted Him 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 the 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



Ask a kid: Name 2 things you know are true about God.

Ask a parent: As you get to know God better, how does your trust in Him grow?

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WEEK 2

God TIME

DAY 1

Read Exodus 32:1-4

The story of the golden calf is pretty crazy. Can you imagine creating a gold statue with your own hands and then bowing down to pray to it? Crazy, right?

Now, read Nehemiah 9:16-19.

Can you believe how patient and loving God is to His people?

Chances are, the Israelites aren't that different from you and me. We can be pretty impatient. No one likes to wait, and when you have to wait, you can become a whole different person who's not so much fun to be around. But, even when you become that angry, impatient person, God is still being patient with you. He is tender and kind. He is slow to anger. He won't leave you, just like He didn't leave the Israelites.

Grab a sheet of paper and write on it "God is patient with me!" Post it somewhere you'll see it every day. When you see it this week, say a quick prayer asking God to help you show patience.

THANK God for being patient with you no matter what!

DAY 2

Read Psalm 130:5

Waiting is HARD. How many times have you said, "How much longer?", "When is it MY turn?", "Are we there yet?"

You can't avoid waiting. So when you have to wait, what will you do? Will you choose to whine or complain? Will you stomp your feet and scream? Or will you stop and think about what's true? ... And what is true? God is with you when you wait, and you can always put your hope in Him.

List some things that are worth waiting for. How can you patiently wait for these things? How can you trust God while you wait?

ASK God to help you remember what's true as you wait for Him.

DAY 3

Read Psalm 33:20-22

Have you ever seen a picture of a knight? What did a knight typically wear? That's right! A suit of armor. And what did he carry? Right again! A sword and a shield. The sword was for fighting. The shield was for protection.

This verse isn't talking about knights, but it IS talking about how God protects you! No matter what you face, God is with you. When you become impatient about how things will work out, just remember that He is like a shield that keeps you safe. No matter what happens, nothing and no one can separate you from His love. You can put your hope in Him!

Across the front of the shield write the word "GOD". Remember that God is like a shield, and He will help you patiently wait and trust in Him.



LOOK for ways to show patience and trust in God.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

DAY 4

Read Colossians 3:12

This verse tells you to put on, or clothe yourself with what 5 things?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. . _____
- 5. . _____

When you read this verse, do you think, "But what about that one kid at school? He drives me crazy. I need to be gentle and patient with that guy? Really?"

Here's the truth. If we would always choose to treat people the way they treat us, this world would be a pretty crazy place. God has called you to something different. Because God loves you, you should treat people the same way. And because God has chosen you, you can show kindness and patience to others.

Grab a jacket or another piece of clothing you wear most every day. Find a piece of tape and write the word "patience" on it. Place this patience tag inside your jacket (or in your pocket) to remind you to clothe yourself with patience. When you wear it, ask God to help you treat others with patience—the way He always treats you.

KNOW that God loves you and wants you to show patience to others around you.

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:

- March 14 Fourth Grade
- March 21 Third Grade
- March 28 Second Grade
- April 4 No Shopping this week
- April 11 First Grade
- April 18 Kindergarten



Child's Name: _____