



WEEK
THREE
MARCH 2021

SMALL GROUP
2-3

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Can't Hardly Wait
Esau's Impatience
Genesis 25:24-34

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**Wait for the Lord.
Be strong and don't lose
hope. Wait for the Lord.**
Psalm 27:14, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

**Patience—Waiting until later
for what you want now**

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways **WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God**

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Made in the Image" from *Little Praise Party*;
Ready Set Go, and "Good Always" from *Every Beat*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Take Your Pick
Application Activity: Wait for It
Memory Verse Activity: Cookie Face
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
GodTime devotional for kids
Studio252.tv
Parent Cue App



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to help kids pause and think about what's at stake while they wait. Pray that kids would have the patience to consider what they risk if they lose their temper or take matters into their own hands. Pray that kids would learn to slow down and think about their actions.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, hand sanitizer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to put their offering in the offering container.
- Instruct the kids to use one pump of hand sanitizer.
- Ask "What could you miss out on by not waiting?"
- Invite volunteers to act out answers to this question.
- Here are some examples:
 - A surprise can be ruined if you peek at a Christmas gift early.
 - You can lose privileges if you throw a fit instead of waiting your turn.
 - You can burn your tongue on chocolate chip cookies if you don't wait for them to cool.

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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Spatulas, cookies, and masking tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tape a start line and a finish line on your floor. Use as much space as you have available.
- Divide the kids into two teams.
- Ask the teams to line up at the start line for a relay race.
- Hand the first kid in each line a spatula and a cookie.
- Kids will race to the finish line and back with the cookie on their spatula.
- If the cookie falls off the spatula, they have to come back to the start line and begin again.
- They cannot hold the cookie on the spatula.
- Once a kid races down and back, they hand the spatula with the cookie to the next kid in line.
- The first team finished is the winner.
- Tell kids that the rest of your time together will be an exercise in patience! They'll get to eat some cookies later if they exhibit some patience. But if they don't, they might miss out.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"I love cookies. Especially homemade cookies! Isn't it so hard when you have to wait for yummy cookies to come out of the oven when the smell fills the whole kitchen? **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to hear a story about someone who should have been patient for some yummy food, but ended up making a bad choice instead.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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* 1. TAKE YOUR PICK

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Take Your Pick" Activity Page, brown paper bag

WHAT YOU DO:

- Put the cards from the "Take Your Pick" Activity Page in the brown paper bag and shake them up.
- Invite a kid to reach into the bag, choose a card, then read the card aloud.
- As a group, come up with an impatient response.
- After the kids have shared an impatient response, ask "What could this response cost you?"
- As a group, come up with a better, patient response.
- After the kids have shared a patient response, ask "Why would this response be better?"

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Goodness! Those impatient responses could really cause us all a lot of trouble—just like it did for Esau! Patience means that we wait for what's best. It's not settling for a quick fix. **If you don't wait, it could cost you.** I bet Esau wished he would've had more patience! I'm thankful we have the Bible to help us know the wise way to live!"

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2. WAIT FOR IT [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Pick one kid to be the “freezer” who tags other kids and another kid to be the “un-freezer.”
- Play a game of “Wait for It” Freeze tag.
 - Everyone moves around the room.
 - If someone gets tagged by the “freezer,” they freeze and make a “W” with their body—without talking!
 - Show kids how to make a “W” with their body (hold their arms out beside their bodies with their elbows bent).
 - If a kid is silent and waiting patiently, the “un-freezer” can un-freeze them.
 - Instruct the un-freezer to say, “Thanks for waiting patiently,” each time they un-freeze someone.
- Pause every couple of minutes to let others have a chance to be the freezer or the un-freezer.
- Play as many rounds as time allows.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

“What happened when you didn't wait patiently? You had to wait longer to be un-frozen! Sometimes it's hard to wait, but **if you don't wait, it could cost you.** Sometimes you'll miss out on small things, like cookies. But sometimes it could be something bigger, like losing privileges at home because you lost your cool.” **[Make it Personal] (Tell the group about a time you had to wait for something you really wanted and explain why the wait was worth it. Or tell kids a story about when you didn't wait patiently, and it cost you something.)**



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an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



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3. COOKIE FACE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles and chocolate sandwich cookies

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a cookie and instruct the group to spread out as much as possible.
- Challenge them to tilt their heads back slightly and set the cookies on their foreheads.
- Instruct them to move the cookies down to their mouths to eat it, but **ONLY** with their facial muscles and head positions.
- They may not touch the cookie with their hands.
- The first kid to successfully eat their cookie, wins!
- Be prepared with extra cookies to replace those that fall on the floor.
- Do not allow kids to place cookies that have been on the floor back on their faces.
- When everyone has had several chances to move the cookie successfully, let them eat a couple of cookies that haven't fallen on the floor.
- Then set the cookies aside, take out the Bible, and open it to Psalm 27:14.
- Read the memory verse out loud together.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You all did a great job waiting all day to eat those cookies! And you've definitely got some great facial-movement skills there. God loves us and wants what's best for us—and He knows that patience is important. He knows that **if you don't wait, it could cost you.** That's why God tells us in our memory verse to wait for Him. It's for our own good!"



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



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4. PRAY AND DISMISS
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Dry erase board and dry erase marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the board into two columns.
- Read the following prompts and write out the kids' responses in the left-hand column.
 - What would it cost you if you lost your patience in public?
 - What would it cost you if you lost your temper and threw a fit?
 - What would it cost you if you snuck candy instead of waiting until after dinner?
- Move to the right-hand column of the board.
- Ask the kids to give you ways to respond in every situation instead of losing their patience.
 - What can you do instead of losing your patience in public?
 - What can you do instead of losing your temper and throwing a fit?
 - What can you do instead of sneaking candy before dinner?
- Write the answers the kids give on the white board.
- Set the board up so everyone can see it.
- Let kids take turns "popcorn" praying—calling out one-sentence prayers—asking God for help to have patience.
 - Don't force any kids who don't want to pray aloud, but do encourage them to be brave and give it a shot. Let them know they can simply say, "God, help me be patient this week."
- Then pray a wrap-up prayer, asking God to help kids choose to do the things you wrote in the right-hand column on the board.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Today was great. There's so much I need to work on when it comes to patience, but I'm thankful I can pray and talk to God about all of it. I want to be patient and make wise choices because I trust God. And it's pretty obvious after hearing Esau's story that **if you don't wait, it could cost you**. Spend some time this week practicing patience even when you want to lose it!"

As adults arrive to pick up, ask kids to share what Esau did and how it cost him.



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story. **(Choose one or both of these activities.)**

1. EARLY ARRIVER

Made to Imagine: an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container
- Hand sanitizer

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Two spatulas
- Chocolate sandwich cookies; two for each small group plus a few more in case of breaks
- Masking tape

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #1.*

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print "Take Your Pick" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart; one set for each small group
- Brown paper bag

2. WAIT FOR IT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

3. COOKIE FACE

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Chocolate sandwich cookies; three for each kid plus extra to allow for drops
- Bibles

4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Dry erase board
- Dry erase marker

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.