



WEEK
THREE
MARCH 2021

SMALL GROUP
K-1

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
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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: The Cost of Stew
Application Activity: Would You Rather
Memory Verse Activity: Don't Lose Hope
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 CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



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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WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, hand sanitizer, prepared construction paper, markers

1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU DO:

- As kids arrive, encourage them to wash their hands or use a pump of hand-sanitizer.
- Direct kids who brought an offering to the offering container.
- Provide each kid with one to three construction paper circles and markers.
- Encourage them to decorate their "cookies."
- Ask, "What is your favorite kind of cookie? Why?"

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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Dodge balls, masking tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tape a line about 20 feet long down the middle of your group's space.
- Divide the group into two teams and instruct teams to stand on opposite sides of the tape line.
- Tell kids they will play a game of dodgeball, but they can only roll the balls.
- When you say, "Go," kids start rolling the balls to the other team. If a ball hits someone on the opposite team (even accidentally), that kid is out.
- The team who gets all of the players on the other team out is the winner!
- *NOTE: If the game is taking too long, set a timer or countdown. The team with the most kids left, wins.*

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Awesome job, friends! It was fun to get moving this morning. Did you notice how it was easier to tag the other team when you waited for the perfect chance? When you didn't wait, you probably missed out on the opportunity to tag them. **[Transition] Today in Large Group, we'll learn about what could happen when we don't wait.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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**CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES**

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*** 1. THE COST OF STEW**

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "The Cost of Stew" Activity Page, toy foods, wooden spoons, pots or bowls, and masking tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tell kids they get to race against you while they make a pretend stew, just like Jacob did in today's story.
- Tape a starting line and instruct kids to get behind it and form a single file line. (Spread them out as much as your space allows.)
- Give each kid a pretend food item except the last kid in line.
- Give the last kid in line the wooden spoon.
- Place the bowl or pot at the other end of your group's space—about 25 feet away, if possible.
- When you say, "Go," the first kid in line should run down to the pot, toss their food item in, then run back to elbow-tag the next kid in line.
- The last kid with the spoon runs down and stirs the "stew" four times around, then runs back.
- While kids run this relay, you read the story from the Activity Page. Read quickly but clearly.
- If you finish the story before the kids make their stew, you win! If not, they win!

Note: If you have more than eight kids, divide kids into two teams. Run the same relay, but each team makes their own bowl of stew. To win, both teams must finish before you finish the story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"It's hard to understand today's story since we don't have the same traditions as Esau and Jacob's family did. It'd be like deciding to give your brother all your favorite stuffed animals if he gave you brownies every day for a week. Not worth it, right? Esau traded something that was worth SO MUCH in the future for something that was worth SO LITTLE now. It's not likely that Esau would have died of starvation from missing one meal. He let his stomach rule his mind and forgot what was important. I'm sure that stew looked good, just like the pretend stew you just made! But it definitely wasn't worth the enormous cost in the end. Whenever you get antsy and impatient, remember Esau's story! **If you don't wait, it could cost you.**"

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MADE TO EXPLORE

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



2. WOULD YOU RATHER
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Would You Rather" Activity Page, pennies or tokens, prize bucket, variety of small prizes

WHAT YOU DO:

- Using the "Would You Rather" Activity Page, pose one of the scenarios to the kids.

- Instruct everyone who wants to answer (A) to raise their hand.
- Everyone who wants to answer (B) leaves their hand down.
- If they choose the patient option, give them two tokens. If they choose the impatient option, give them one token.

Note: As kids possibly begin to understand how the game works, they may start answering with the patient option in each scenario rather than the one they would hypothetically "do." That's okay!

- Continue reading the list of scenarios and handing out tokens based on kids' answers.
- At the end of the game, let kids count how many tokens they have.
- Point out that they each could have had 16 total if they had chosen the patient option for each scenario.
- Let kids trade in their tokens for prizes: two tokens for each prize. (For kids with an odd number of tokens, you can choose whether to round up or down.)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Have you ever been impatient with someone in your family? What happened when you weren't patient? *(Let a couple kids answer or tell a personal story.)* Being impatient doesn't just hurt us in the moment, it can cost us in the long run, too. If you decide you just can't wait and you cut in line at the monkey bars, a teacher might make you go to the back of the line. **[Make it Personal] (Tell an age-appropriate story about a time when you didn't wait and how it cost you.)** This week, pause as you feel yourself grow impatient. Ask yourself, 'If I choose not to wait, what could happen?' Remember, **if you don't wait, it could cost you!**"

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3. DON'T LOSE HOPE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Don't Lose Hope" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Look up and review Psalm 27:14 together.
- Tell kids that you will focus on the part of the verse that says, "don't lose hope."
- Talk about how it's sometimes easy to lose hope while waiting for something big or important, such as when a parent is looking for a job or when you're waiting to find out which teacher you'll have in the new school year.
 - Ask kids if they've ever waited for something big or important. What did it feel like? Was it hard to be patient and have a good attitude?
- Tell the kids that instead of losing hope today, they will find hope!
- Explain that there are 20 strips with the word "hope" hidden around your small group space. Their goal is to find all of them.
- Send them out on a search for hope!
- When all 20 have been found, instruct kids to each keep one of the strips for prayer time.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Now this is a crew that is serious about not losing hope! When the waiting seems long, it can be a challenge to not lose hope. *(Insert some of the examples kids shared earlier.)* Maybe you have prayed for your grandpa to get better, your mom to find a job, or to be old enough to take piano lessons. Although waiting seems like it takes forever, **if you don't wait, it could cost you** the better plan that God has for you. We can keep our hope in Him, no matter what!"



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



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

WHAT YOU NEED: Hope strips from "Don't Lose Hope" Activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Encourage kids to hang their "hope" paper at home in a place they will see it every day.
- Tell them that they could also hang their paper in a place where the whole family can see it.
- They can help remind their family that they don't have to lose hope, no matter what they are praying and waiting for this week!
- Pray together as a group.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear Jesus, we know that our hope is found in You no matter what we are praying and waiting for. Thank You for reminding us that even though waiting isn't fun and can be super tough at times, **if you don't wait, it could cost you.** We totally trust that You have our best interest in mind, Jesus. Even when we can't see it and doubt Your perfect plan, we will choose patience and wait on You! Help us cling to You in our waiting this week, whether big or small. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen!"

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to tell them what Esau gave up and what he got in return! Prompt them to say today's bottom line. **If you don't wait, it could cost you.**

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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 Create: an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container
- Hand sanitizer
- Construction paper cut into circles to resemble cookies; one to three for each kid
- Markers

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:

- 10 Dodge balls made of foam or other soft material
- 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.

* 1. THE COST OF STEW

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "The Cost of Stew" Activity Page; one for each small group
- 15-20 various toy foods such as chicken, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, green beans, corn, etc.

- Two large wooden spoons
- Two pots or large bowls
- Masking tape

2. WOULD YOU RATHER

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print "Back in the Jar" Activity Page; one for each
- Print the "Would You Rather" Activity Page; one for each small group
- Prize bucket
- Variety of simple prizes such as individually wrapped candy and small toys (try orientaltrading.com); enough for each kid to have a few
 - Place the prizes in the bucket.
- Tokens, pennies, or game pieces; 12-16 for each kid

3. DON'T LOSE HOPE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Don't Lose Hope" Activity Page and cut apart; twenty strips for each small group
 - Hide the strips of paper around your space.

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:

- Hope strips from "Don't Lose Hope" Activity

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**.