



IT'S WORTH THE WAIT

WEEK
TWO
MARCH 2021

SMALL GROUP

PRETEEN

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Sitting, Wishing, Waiting
Golden Calf
Exodus 32:1-35

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What can you think about when it's hard to wait?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

When you think you can't wait, remember what's true.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Wait for the Lord.
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Psalm 27:14, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Patience—Waiting until later for what you want now

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

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

Just for Fun
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

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

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("All About Love" from *Can't Stop Won't Stop*, "Working On Me" from *This Love*, and "Trust You With My Heart" from *This Love*)
Bible Story
Prayer
Bottom Line

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Review and Discussion Questions
Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

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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PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO EXPLORE

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



Before kids arrive, take a few minutes to pray that you would have an amazing time together today with the students God's given you. Ask Him to give you the words and ideas you'll need to lead your kids well as you process this idea of being patient in waiting on Him.

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1. JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, a few prepackaged food items (hidden in a pillowcase), hand sanitizer

WHAT YOU DO:

- As kids arrive, prompt them to put their offerings in the offering container, if they've brought them.
- Hold up the pillowcase (or opaque bag) and tell kids that there are a few recognizable foods in the bag.
- Tell kids these are only packaged foods, not things like whole fruits or veggies.
- Choose one of the items, keeping it hidden from view.
- Start reading off the list of ingredients, and challenge kids to figure out what the food is.
- If kids can't guess what the item is once you've read all the ingredients, give them a couple hints to see if they get it.
- Continue with the rest of the food items.
- If possible, let kids share the prepackaged food items and have a snack!

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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Patience Race" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a folded copy of the "Patience Race" Activity Page.
- Tell them that they're each getting a different set of

instructions.

- Explain that, at your signal, they can open their papers and read the instructions.
- The goal of the game is to be the first to finish the list of actions.
- Signal the kids to begin.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Step One said, 'Read all the instructions below first and then try to be the first to complete the race.' If you read each of the steps all the way to end without doing any of the actions – CONGRATULATIONS! You won the game. Sometimes It's easy to get ahead of ourselves, isn't it? **[Transition] In today's story we're going to hear about a situation in which someone's impatience got the better of them. They ended up losing big time. Let's go find out what happened.**"

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Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Notecards, pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid two notecards and a pen.
- Tell them to write on one of the cards a situation in which it's challenging to wait or to have patience.
- Ask kids to write on the second card something they could do or think about that would help them be patient in that situation.
- Collect the cards in separate piles, then shuffle each pile separately and place them within reach of all the kids.
- Invite one of the kids to take a card from the "situations" pile and read it aloud.
- Ask another kid to take a card from the second pile and read it aloud beginning with the words, "Here's what I suggest you do in that situation . . ."
- Discuss how well (if at all) the advice fits the situation.
- Continue taking turns until all of the cards have been read and discussed.
- Leave the cards from the second pile face up after each round and let kids refer to them as additional suggestions if they fit the situation.

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2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, paper plates, pens or markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place a line of tape on the floor to divide your group's area in half.
- Form two teams.
- Ask each team to write three review questions about the Bible story and two questions about how to apply or live out what they learned about patience from the story.
- Kids can look up Exodus 32:1-35 in their Bibles for help with review questions.
- Assist them as needed to come up with relevant application questions.
- Collect all the plates then shuffle them together.
- Redistribute half of the plates to one team and the remaining plates to the other team.
- Explain that you'll signal teams to begin tossing the plates like a frisbee across the line on the floor to the other side.
- The goal is to get rid of as many plates as possible by picking up the plates that have landed on your team's side and throwing them to the other side.
- When they hear you MOO like a cow, they must immediately stop tossing their plates.
- Pause the game (by MOOING) after ten seconds and have teams count their plates.
- Ask the team with the least amount of plates on their side of the line to choose a plate from their side and then read and answer the question.
- If they choose an application question, spend a moment discussing it as a group and then remove that plate from the game.
- Begin another round and continue.
- Play until all plates have been read, answered, and discussed. (When you're down to about 4-5 plates, you can eliminate the "tossing" part of the game and just finish asking/answering the rest of the questions.)

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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- If you had been on the scene when the Israelites started planning the golden calf construction project, what could you have said to help them go back to what was true and do the right thing?
- What do you think are some of the best reasons to be patient?
- What are some things you believe, without a doubt, to be true about God?
- What can you think about when it's hard to wait?
- When you're in a tough situation and you have to wait for answers—like when a family member is sick or when a parent loses a job—how does it help you to know that God keeps His promises, loves you, has a plan for you, etc.?



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4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, corn syrup, glass containers, food coloring, eye dropper or plastic syringe

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a Bible or let them use a Bible App.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Sitting, Wishing, Waiting Golden Calf Exodus 32:1-35

- Ask kids to find Psalm 62.
Assign the following verses to kids who like to read aloud.
Psalm 62:1
Psalm 62:2
Psalm 62:5
Psalm 62:6
Psalm 62:7
Psalm 62:8
Psalm 62:11
Psalm 62:12
As kids look up their verse, set up the supplies for the "Patience Rewind Experiment."
NOTE: If time or meeting space does not allow you to perform this activity, consider showing kids the following video demonstration instead. https://bit.ly/2GAGbif
Fill the larger glass container about 1/2 to 3/4 full of corn syrup
Center the smaller glass container inside the larger.
(NOTE: This step could be prepared in advance in order to save time.) In separate containers mix a teaspoon of corn syrup with a few drops of food coloring to make several colors.
Use the eye dropper or syringe to add a drop or two of each colored corn syrup to the clear mixture.
Invite kids to take turns reading their verse aloud then sharing answers and examples to the following questions:
What truth, promise, or fact do you find in this verse?
How would that truth help you change your attitude when you're having trouble waiting?
Interject the steps below to visualize the "calming" effect that can come from turning our thoughts onto something God says is true when we're struggling to be patient.
Kids will see the corn syrup colors "stirred up" then "calmed" down when the containers are twisted in different directions.
Slowly turn the inner glass container while holding the outer one still. You should see the colored syrup start to spread and mix.
Switch directions and turn the inner container back to its original location. The colored dots that were spreading return to their original form.
The key is to make sure the inner container only spins in place and does not move side to side at all.

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(4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU, CONTINUED)

- Challenge kids to think of specific situations they face when waiting is especially difficult for them then choose one of the verses from Psalm 62 to mark in their Bible and memorize the next time they need encouragement to be patient.

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25 MINUTES

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible

WHAT YOU DO:

- Return to Psalm 62:1-2 as you lead kids to pray for God's help as they face frustrations, fears, or other feelings that trigger impatience in them.
- Pause after each verse and invite kids to identify a promise or truth about God found in that verse then share their thoughts in silent or spoken prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, You are our rock, refuge, and hope. We can trust in You and pour out our hearts to You. Please help us turn our attitude around when we begin to feel our patience growing thin. Help us remember what is true about You and that You will give us what we need to follow You in the things we say and do. Amen."

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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. JUST FOR FUN

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container
- 4-5 prepackaged food items; such as, chocolate sandwich cookies, canned soup, cereal, etc.
- Pillowcase or another opaque bag

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Print the "Patience Race" Activity Page and cut apart; one for each kid

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.)

1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Notecards; two for each kid
- Pens

2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Paper plate; one for each kid
- Pens or makers
- Masking or painter's tape

3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bottle of clear corn syrup
- Clear glass containers or measuring cups in different sizes; two for each Small Group

NOTE: One container must be able to fit inside the other with at least 1/2 inch of space between the edges.

- Food coloring; two or three colors for each group
- Small (1-2oz) cups or containers; two or three for each group
- Eye dropper or small plastic syringe; one for each color of food coloring you will use
- Paper towels or table covering large enough to protect the work area
- To watch or use a video demonstration of this experiment, go to: <https://bit.ly/2GAGbif>

5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible



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- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.