

April 2024 – Week 1

Today's Bible Story: The Waiting (A Patience Proverb) • *Proverbs 14:29*

Today's Bottom Line: Waiting can make you wise.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Wait for the LORD. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the LORD.* Psalm 27:14 (NIRV)

Monthly Virtue: Patience—Waiting until later for what you want now

Basic Truth: I need to make the wise choice.

Story Experience Outline

As the Story Experience Leader, you win when you engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.

1. Intro (5 Minutes)

"Hey, everybody! I'm so glad we're all here at [name of your environment]! It's a brand-new month, which means we've got a new virtue that we're learning about. Do you want to know what it is? *(Pause for response.)* Hmm . . . *(Pause and look around the room.)* I'm just checking—do you really want to know? It's a good one. *(Pause for response.)* Okay, I'll tell you! *(Pause, making them wait another moment.)* Okay, okay! This month, we're finding out how we can live with patience.

"Patience is **waiting until later for what you want now.**

"It's tough to wait for something you really want—like if you're waiting for your burger or hot dog to cook at a cookout. You want it right now . . . but you have to wait for it!

"It's also tough to wait for something you hope will happen . . . but hasn't happened yet. When you're in a situation like that, it's important to remember that God can HELP you wait. Patience is something that God's Spirit creates in us so we can be patient while we're waiting.

Lead the kids through the game

"Let's jump into worship."

Worship

Bible Story & Video
Reflection (5 Minutes)

“Now that was amazing! I love it when we get to hear personal stories from people here in the room.

“I know it’s tough to be patient. Sometimes we get impatient when we’re feeling frustrated, mad, or confused. But God can help us to stop and take time to choose HOW to respond to a situation. God can help us **[Basic Truth] make the wise choice . . .** and speak and act with patience.

“Solomon said that patient people have great understanding, and I’ve definitely seen how that’s true in my life. You see:

[Bottom Line] “Waiting can make you wise.

“Remember, you can always go to the Bible and read about how Jesus treated people. You can see how Jesus was patient all the time! He treated people with love and kindness instead of getting frustrated with them.

“And if you’re struggling to be patient, don’t forget that you can pray and talk to God about how you’re feeling. You never have to feel alone. When you put your faith in Jesus, you have God’s Holy Spirit living inside you. And the apostle Paul wrote that God’s Spirit can help us choose patience.

“Our Memory Verse for this month is Psalm 27:14. Let’s read it together.

HOST and KIDS: *Wait for the LORD.
Be strong and don’t lose hope.
Wait for the LORD. (Psalm 27:14, NIV)*

HOST: “Great job! We can we put our trust in God, because we know that God is always with us . . . and that can help us to be patient in those times when we have to wait.

Let’s pray.

PRAY

“God, thank You for always being with us. Thank You for this reminder that waiting can make us wise. Please help each of us learn to be patient. Please help us to trust You no matter what’s going on in our lives. Please help us to be more like You, and to grow each day in wisdom. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.

To create meaningful relationships with kids and parents so that they can confidently pursue a life-long relationship with Jesus