

## April 2024 – Week 2

**Today's Bible Story:** Can't Hardly Wait (Esau's Impatience) • *Genesis 25:24-34*

**Today's Bottom Line:** When you think you can't wait, think twice.

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

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

**Basic Truth:** I need to make the wise choice.

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### 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)

"Hi, everyone! It's another great day at [name of your environment]."

"Have any of you been to a cookout yet this year? Yes? No? I know most people wait until summer, but sometimes you just can't wait to eat hot dogs and popsicles and play fun outdoor games. In fact, we've got a fun game to play today that I think would be a hit at any cookout. I can't wait to show you!"

"This month we're talking about waiting—or more specifically, HOW you wait. See, when you have to wait for something, you've got a choice to make. You can grumble and complain . . . OR you can wait with PATIENCE."

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

"There are lots of times when we have to wait for things, and patience helps us wait WELL. I know it's not easy to be patient, but when we follow Jesus, patience is something that God's Spirit creates inside us."

#### Lead the kids through the game

"Let's jump into worship."

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Worship

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**Bible Story & Video**  
**Reflection (5 Minutes)**

Esau didn't wait . . . and bad things happened. He missed out on having the rights of the oldest son.

"I bet Esau wished he could go back and make a different choice. I bet he wished he had thought twice before he rushed in and made that trade with his brother Jacob. And while Esau and Jacob fixed their relationship later, Esau's choice wasn't something he could take back. What's done was done.

"You don't have to make the same mistake Esau did. Remember:

**[Bottom Line]** "When you think you can't wait, think twice.

"The great thing is that we have the Holy Spirit to help us be patient when we have to wait. When we put our faith in Jesus, we have God's Spirit living inside us. The Holy Spirit can help us think twice and choose to be patient.

*Share a personal, kid-appropriate example of a time when you thought you couldn't wait for something, but you chose to trust God and wait. (Maybe someone reminded you that God was with you, or maybe a Bible verse helped you.)*

"When you think you can't wait, remember that God is with you. That reminds me of our Memory Verse, Psalm 27:14. Let's say 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:** "That's so good! God can help us to be strong and wait patiently.

**Let's pray.**

**PRAY**

"Dear God, thank You for being so faithful and so good! Thank You for giving us the gift of patience. Thank you for Your Holy Spirit who helps us to be patient and wise. Help us this week to make good choices and to be patient when we have to wait. Help us to learn from Esau's story and remember to think before we act. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

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