

“Hey, God!” - LESSON 2

“Why Are You Taking So Long?”

Main Focus:

We must trust God’s timing.



Power Verse:

“Be still in the presence of the Lord,
and wait patiently for him to act.”
- Psalm 37:7



Whatchagaddaknow:

“I Will Trust God’s Timing And Not
Jump Ahead!”

LEADER’S INFO

Waiting is hard. We live in an instant society of quick and easy results. We don’t like to wait. We want what we want and we want it now!

At times, we can get impatient. Especially when it comes to God’s plan for our lives. We have a tendency to get tired of waiting on God’s timing, so we end up jumping the gun and messing things up for ourselves. Ultimately, we may even delay God’s plan because of our impatience.

Moses made this mistake. God’s plan was for him to be the deliverer of the Hebrews from slavery, but he got ahead of that plan and killed the Egyptian.

In this lesson, the children will learn the importance of trusting God’s timing. It’s not easy to wait, but it is always worth it to wait on God.



“The Spark” Intro Video

“I’m Tired Of Waiting!”



Whatchagaddaknow Video

Wiggy Pop teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Curi Osity”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“How Long Did It Take?”



Bible Story

“Moses Kills An Egyptian”



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Call To Action

“Why Are You Taking So Long?”



Rewind!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Watchchagaddaknow:

“I Will Trust God’s Timing And Not
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Lesson 2 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 2 - The Spark” Intro Video

Whatchagaddaknow Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow Teaching” Video

- “Whatchagaddaknow Trigger” Video

Character Skit

- “Curi Osity” Theme Graphic/Music

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video

- “How Long Did It Take?” Graphics

Bible Story

- “Moses Kills An Egyptian” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 2 Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Why Are You Taking So Long?” Graphics

- A Small Microwave Oven

- A Crock Pot

Rewind!

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video

- “REWIND!” Lesson 2 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Power Verse Print Piece

- Envelopes

- Trust God’s Timing Print Piece

- Pencils, Crayons, Or Markers

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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey, kids! Welcome back to our awesome series called “Hey God!” We’ve been asking some BIG questions that kids ask God all the time.

Last time, we learned that God has an amazing plan for our lives—even when we don’t fully understand it yet. But let me ask you a question:

Have you ever had to wait for something... and it felt like FOREVER? Maybe you were waiting for your birthday, a fun vacation, or even just for your pizza to be ready! You kept asking, “Is it time yet? Is it time yet?” And it felt like it was taking SOOOO LONG! Do you know what I am talking about? *(let kids respond)*

Well, sometimes we feel the same way when it comes to God. To help you know what I mean, let’s check out this video...

(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 2”)

Leader: Waiting is definitely a hard thing to do! But you aren’t the only person who has ever had to learn to wait on God. Moses learned the hard way that trying to get ahead of God’s timing doesn’t turn out very well.

Today you’re going to learn what happens when we get impatient and try to do things our way instead of God’s way. But you don’t have to worry—God is never late. He’s always right on time.

We are going to learn all about that in our lesson, today. But, before we do that, we need to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)



CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “**Curi Osity**” *(She is an amateur detective who is always on the hunt for her next case! She always carries a magnifying glass and notepad with her to uncover clues and put together the answers she so badly seeks to find.)*

Curi: *(Enters on her phone)* Listen, no! I cannot wait for that. I said no! I need this ASAP. If you can supply this for me, then I will have to move to another company. What? You're the only company that sells these? Just get them here pronto! I need this! Whatever! Goodbye!

Leader: Hello, Curi Osity. Welcome back, I think. What was that all about? Sounds like you have reached the end of your patience with someone.

Curi: Well, no... Ok, yes! YES! Ok? YES! I ordered a certain product I really needed from Amazon. You know that company?

Leader: Um, yes. I believe everyone knows about Amazon.

Curi: What I ordered should have been here yesterday! But nooooooo! It was delayed. I don't know what's going on, but I will find out!

Leader: Yeah, that happens sometimes.

Curi: Oh, I know that. It's just that I needed this thing already.

Leader: What is this thing that you need so bad?

Curi: Nothing really. Just a thing.

Leader: Oh, really? Come on now. You were just freaking out because it's late.

Curi: I'm not very good at waiting. I need it when I need it, and I want it when I want it.

Leader: Curi, what is this thing you need so badly?

Curi: Well, if you must know...

Leader: Yes?

Curi: It's bacon bandages! Ok?

Leader: What? *(Laughing)* Bacon bandages?

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Curi: Yes! They are designed to look just like a piece of crispy bacon. Also, if you scratch it, it smells like bacon!

Leader: Wow! I see why you are upset. I would want those, too! I love bacon!

Curi: Exactly! But... I may have gotten a little carried away on the phone. My patience level is not the best.

Leader: Funny you should say that today!

Curi: I don't think it's funny. It's a bad problem.

Leader: I don't really mean it's funny... I mean, it's a funny coincidence.

Curi: Oh, I see. Why is that?

Leader: Because we are learning all about waiting on God in our lesson today. Most of us don't make a high score when it comes to "waiting." If you think about it, we have to wait for almost everything!

Curi: Tell me about it! I want things now! Like "poof!" There it is! I really want my bacon strip band aids.

Leader: You are certainly a strange character, Curi! However, we must still be patient. We need to trust in God's plan and His design. He knows what's best.

Curi: I get that. I think I will call back and apologize to the poor guy I just yelled at on the phone. He did not deserve that.

Leader: That's good, Curi! I'm sure he will appreciate that.

Curi: You're right. I'd better go now. I am going to sit on my porch and wait for my delivery! My name is Curi Ocity. If I don't know the answer, I WILL find out! See ya soon!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME

“How Long Did It Take?”

Items Needed For Game:

“How Long Did It Take?” Graphics

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Preparation:

Choose three boys and three boys to participate in this game.

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How To Play:

You will take turns asking the teams questions about how long certain things took in the Bible. The teams can work together to answer the questions. The team that answers the most questions right wins!



Bible Story

“Moses Kills An Egyptian”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 2; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Exodus 2:11-15; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in Exodus chapter 2. You might remember when we left Moses in our last Bible Story, he had been adopted by Pharaoh’s daughter. Moses grew up in the palace as Pharaoh’s grandson. He enjoyed all of the privileges and perks of palace life. But, Moses had been taught by his real mother. He knew that he was really a Hebrew and that God had a plan for his life.



Moses was out walking one day. (*show pic*) He came upon an Egyptian soldier beating a Hebrew slave. The Egyptians were always treating the Hebrews terribly. After all, the Hebrews were slaves in Egypt. Moses had no doubt seen scenes like this many times growing up, but this time it was different.



Moses got very angry and decided to do something. He probably thought this was just not fair that God’s people would be slaves like this. They didn’t deserve to be treated this way. So, Moses took things into his own hands. He looked around, saw nobody was watching, (*show pic*) then grabbed the Egyptian soldier, struck him, and killed him. Then, Moses hid the Egyptian’s body in the sand.



Moses thought he had gotten away with it. The next day, he went out walking again. This time he came upon two Hebrew slaves fighting and arguing with one another. Moses stopped them and said, “Why are you fighting with your brother like this? You are both Hebrews! You should not be fighting like this.”

(*show pic*) One of the Hebrews turned to Moses and said, “Why? Are you gonna kill me like you did that Egyptian soldier?” Moses couldn’t believe it! How did this slave know what he had done? If this slave knew, then it wouldn’t be long before Pharaoh found out! Moses knew this would spell certain trouble for him.

Sure enough, Pharaoh did find out what Moses had done. Pharaoh tried to kill Moses. (*show pic*) But, Moses escaped by running off into the desert. And, it was there in the desert that Moses would stay for many years. He had taken things into his own hands and caused a lot of trouble for himself.

In your lesson today, you are going to learn that it never pays to get ahead of God’s plan. We must always be patient and wait for God’s perfect timing. When we take things into our own hands, it never goes well.



Call To Action

“Why Are You Taking So Long?”

Materials Needed:

The “Why Are You Taking So Long?” graphics; a small microwave oven; a crock pot

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Why Are You Taking So Long?”



The Message: *(title slide)*

(Bring the microwave oven up) How many of you love microwave popcorn? *(Allow response)* You put it in, press a few buttons, and BAM! Three minutes later, you’ve got fluffy, buttery goodness! We love microwaves because they cook our food super fast. We don’t have to wait a long time to enjoy it.

But what if you tried to cook a Thanksgiving turkey in a microwave? *(pause for reaction)* Yeah, that wouldn’t go so well. The outside might look done, but the inside? Yuck. Raw turkey for dinner? No thanks!

(Hold up the crock pot) Now, check this out: a crockpot takes hours and hours cooking things slowly and steadily all day long. You wait...and wait...and wait some more. But when it’s ready - WOW! It’s perfect. Tender. Juicy. Worth the wait!

Sometimes, God’s plan is more like a crockpot than a microwave. Rather than everything happening super fast and right when we want it, we often have to wait for God’s timing. But - waiting on God’s timing can be hard, especially when you feel ready right now. But today, we’re learning: when we rush ahead of God, we mess things up.

Have you ever prayed for something and had to WAIT for it to happen? *(share a personal story about how you had to wait a while on an answer to prayer)* Has God ever promised you something, but then you had to WAIT a while for it to happen? Waiting on God is hard. It’s hard for us, and it was hard for Moses.

In our Bible Story today, we learned how Moses got tired of waiting on God to set the Hebrews free from slavery. Certainly, it was God’s desire and plan to set the Hebrews free, but Moses felt like it should happen NOW! Instead of waiting on God to unveil His plan in His timing, Moses took things in to his own hands. That didn’t go well. He ended up killing an Egyptian, getting in trouble, then running for his life.

When I get impatient and decide to take things into my own hands instead of trusting God...

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Call To Action (Continued)

I Pay A High Price *(slide)*



Moses paid a high price for his impatience. He ended up having to run for his life in order to escape being killed by Pharaoh. Moses ran into the desert and stayed there for many years. He was no longer a member of the royal family. He now lived in the wilderness. He had nothing. He paid a high price for taking things into his own hands instead of being patient and waiting on God.

It's the same way with you and me. When we decide our way is better instead of trusting God's plan, we end up paying a high price, too. I must learn to be patient. Otherwise, not only do I pay a high price...

I Hurt Others *(slide)*



Moses wasn't the only person who was hurt as a result of his actions. The Hebrew people remained in captivity for many years longer because Moses decided he wanted to take things into his own hands. Can you imagine if Moses had been patient and eventually became Pharaoh? He would have had the power to declare the Hebrews totally FREE!

Instead, he got impatient and killed the Egyptian soldier. He not only caused pain for himself, but he caused the entire Hebrew nation to suffer. It's that way with you and me. When I get in a hurry and make bad decisions, instead of trusting God's timing, I end up hurting ourselves and causing pain for those around me as well. And...

I Make God's Plan Take Longer *(slide)*



You see, God still had a plan to set the Hebrews free, and that plan still included Moses. It's just that Moses' actions caused God's plan to take many more years than was necessary. It's that way with you and me, too. Perhaps you have gotten ahead of God's plan for your life and you thought your way was better. You didn't want to wait, so you made a huge mistake. Now, you - and maybe even others - are suffering because of your mistake. I have good news for you! You might have delayed God's plan, but you didn't destroy it. God still has a plan for your life. He can forgive you and help you get back on the right track.

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray for the children who feel that they have made the mistake of not trusting God's plan for their lives. Perhaps they have made some huge mistakes, like Moses, and they know they have delayed God's plan. Pray with them in a prayer of repentance. Pray that they will be patient, trusting that God's plan is always the best plan. Waiting is never easy, but it is always worth it!



Materials Needed:

“REWIND!” Lesson 2 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “I Will Trust God’s Timing And Not Jump Ahead!”

2. What did Moses see that made him angry?

Answer: An Egyptian Soldier Beating A Hebrew Slave

3. What did Moses do to the soldier?

Answer: Killed Him

4. Did Pharaoh find out what Moses did?

Answer: Yes

5. Where did Moses run?

Answer: Into The Desert

6. According to our lesson today, when I take things into my own hands, “I Pay A _____.”

Answer: High Price

7. According to our lesson today, when I take things into my own hands, “I _____ Others.”

Answer: Hurt

8. According to our lesson today, when I take things into my own hands, “I Make God’s _____ Take Longer.”

Answer: Plan

9. If I make a mistake, is God’s plan for my life over?

Answer: No

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Psalm 37:7