



Week 4



Day 1: God Chooses David

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 5:2

Devotional:

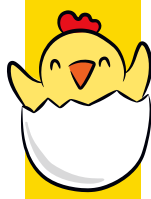
When David was a boy, he took care of sheep in the fields. He wasn't famous, and many people probably didn't think he could be a king. But God saw David's heart and chose him to be the next king of Israel. That sounds exciting, right? But here's the surprise—David didn't become king the next day. He had to wait many years before he wore the crown. During that time, David had to keep trusting God. Sometimes, we want things right away. Maybe we want to win a game, get the newest toy, or have our prayers answered quickly. But God often says, "Wait." Just like David, we can learn patience by trusting that God's timing is better than ours. Waiting can often be very frustrating! It is easy to want what we want NOW. But just like God taught David to be patient while he waited to become king, we also can ask God to give us patience as we wait. Even when God promises us things, we need to have patience like David did. God's timing is perfect!

Discussion:

1. Have you ever wanted something right away but had to wait?
2. How could you trust God in that moment?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for choosing me and loving me, just like You chose David. Help me to trust You and be patient, even when I don't get what I want right away. Amen.



Welcome to week 4 of our On The Farm devo!! This week we are focusing on the fruit of the Spirit... patience! Patience is often a struggle but we can lean on God and trust that He will help us and give us patience. He is also so so patient with us, what a gift!



Day 2: David Waits on God

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 5:4

Devotional:

David was anointed to be king when he was just a teenager, but he didn't actually become king until he was 30 years old. That means David waited more than 10 years! During that time, he faced some very hard challenges. King Saul didn't want David to take his place, so he chased David and tried to hurt him. David even had to hide in caves! But even though life was tough, David didn't give up. He didn't rush ahead of God's plan. Instead, he trusted that God would keep His promise. David used his waiting time to grow closer to God, to write songs (many of which are in the Psalms), and to learn how to be a good leader. Waiting can feel boring, frustrating, or even painful. But God uses waiting to prepare us for the future. Just like a seed needs time to grow into a strong tree, we need time to grow into the person God made us to be. Waiting is not wasted time—God uses it to make us stronger, braver, and wiser. Just remember, that as you wait you are not alone. God is with you and there are so many other people who are also waiting.

Discussion:

1. Why is waiting so hard?
2. What is something you can do to grow while you wait for something you really want?


Prayer:

Lord, help me remember that waiting is part of Your plan. Teach me to use waiting time to grow in faith, just like David did. Amen.

Day 3: God's Promises to David

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 7:8

Devotional:



After David became king, God reminded him of His promise. God told David, "I took you from the fields when you were a shepherd boy, and I made you king." God wanted David to remember that He was the one guiding his life the whole time. Sometimes, when we are waiting, we forget about God's promises. We might think, "God doesn't care about me," or "Did He forget?" But the truth is—God never forgets! He was with David from the beginning, and He is with us too. God's promises are found all over the Bible. He promises to love us, to never leave us, and to give us what we need. Even when we can't see how everything will work out, we can trust His words. We can be patient by remembering God's promises. They remind us that God is always working, even when we don't see it. Growth in our relationship with God doesn't happen overnight. Just like any relationship...we need to learn how to trust and surrender to God. His ways are better than ours. We can trust Him and be patient with Him.

Discussion:

1. What is one promise from God's Word (the Bible) that you can remember when you feel impatient?


Prayer:

Father, thank You that You always keep Your promises. Help me remember that You are working in my life, even when I have to wait.
Amen.

Day 4: God's Forever Kingdom

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 7:16

Devotional:



God gave David an amazing promise—his kingdom would last forever! That didn't mean David would live forever, but that someone from his family would always be on the throne. Hundreds of years later, this promise came true through Jesus, who was born into David's family line. Jesus became the forever King—not just of Israel, but of the whole world! Think about this: David had to wait years to become king, but God's bigger plan was even greater than David could imagine. If David had rushed ahead or given up, he might have missed out on seeing the amazing things God had in store. When we are patient and trust God, He can bless us in ways we can't even dream of. God's plans are always better and bigger than our own. Patience brings blessings far greater than what we imagine. God's timing leads to His best.

Activity:

Write a short Bible promise (like "I will never leave you" – Hebrews 13:5) on a piece of paper. Cut it into puzzle pieces. Have kids put the puzzle back together. Explain: Even if it feels like things are all mixed up in life, God's promises always come together and never fail.

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for showing me through David's story that patience is worth it. Help me to trust that Your plans are always bigger and better than my own. Amen.

Memory Verse

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

