



## WEEK FIVE - APRIL 2018 - SECOND/THIRD

**Bible Story:** *Souped Up • Genesis 25:24-34*

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

**Memory Verse:** *"Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord!" - Psalm 27:14 NIV*

**Life App:** *Patience - Waiting until later later for what you want now*

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

**Summary:** We'll finish out the month with one of the best examples of what happens when you're not patient; you lose something of value. In **Genesis 25:24-34**, we discover the story of Esau sacrificing his birthright for a bowl of stew. Because Esau was impatient, he lost something he could never get back.

**Bottom Line:** Don't let your lack of patience cause you to make a decision you'll regret. Think twice about what really matters. Ask God to help you wait patiently for what matters most.

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**8:50-9:00 | 10:20-10:30 | 11:50-12:00 - EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITIES**

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### **1. Early Arriver Idea**

*Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

**What You Need:** N/A

**What You Do:**

- Ask kids about decisions they had to make this week.
  - For instance, they may have had to decide what to wear, what to eat, what to do after school, who to sit with at lunch, whether or not to obey, etc.
- Talk about how they made those choices and if they were happy with the choices they made this week.

**What You Say:**

*"Today in Large Group, we are going to hear about someone who had a very important choice to make but, sadly, he made the choice too quickly."*

**Lead your group to the Large Group area.**

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**9:10-9:45 | 10:40-11:15 | 12:10-12:45 - LARGE GROUP**

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### **OVERVIEW:**

**Bottom Line:** *When you think you can't wait, think twice." God wants His best for us. Sometimes when we're waiting, we rush to what we can get now instead of what is best. We hope that kids can discover that waiting for God's best is the wisest choice they can make. We don't want kids to miss out on something God has planned for their life because they weren't patient*

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**9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 SMALL GROUP**

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### **1. Say What?**

**[Bible Story Review]**

*Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines & working as a group*

**What You Need:** "Say What" Activity Page; Three Dice

**What You Do:**

- Invite kids sit in a circle on the floor and ask questions about today's lesson
- Review the verse as a group.
- After reviewing, ask how the message of the story pertains to the verse
- Following the review, choose one kid to go first and roll all three dice then add up the numbers from all three dice.
- Read the action from the Activity Page that matches the number they selected.
- Repeat until every kid has a chance to say the verse.

**What You Say:**

*"This verse tells us twice to wait for the Lord. That must mean it's pretty important. There are lots of times we might not want to wait for the Lord, like when we really want to know whether we got a part in the school play, or if we want to feel better right away when we are sick, or if we just want the school day to be over. But sometimes we just have to be patient and wait to see what will happen while we are waiting. Sometimes it's just not good to rush things, but rather **when you think you can't wait, think twice.**"*

## **2. Pray & Dismiss**

**[Prayer Activity]**

*Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application*

**What You Need:** N/A

**What You Do:**

- Ask kids what they think it means to be patient.
- Ask if anyone would like to share about times or situations where it's hard for them to be patient, and ask what they might try to do about that in order to help them wait.
- Encourage kids to bow their heads for a moment and silently ask God for help to think twice, keep their cool, and remember what's true.
- After a moment, pray aloud for the group, using the guide below.

**What You Say:**

*"God, sometimes it can be so hard to wait because we want something **RIGHT NOW**. But we know that it's better that **[Bottom Line]** when you think you can't wait, think twice. So help us this week to take the time to think twice about our decisions. Help us think twice before we do or say something we might regret. Help us think twice before we decide to*

*rush something that You have told us we need to wait for. Help us to think twice because we love You and we believe that Your way is the best way. Amen."*

***As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to demonstrate their knowledge of "patience" by reciting the month's life app***

## Say What?

3. Say the verse REALLY fast
4. Say the verse REALLY slowly
5. Say the verse while flapping your arms like a chicken
6. Say the verse while clapping your hands as fast as you can
7. Say the verse while laying flat on the floor
8. Say the verse like you are very sad
9. Say the verse like you are very excited
10. Sing the verse
11. Pretend you are a dog while you say the verse
12. Say the verse like you are a robot
13. Say the verse like you are a very snooty prince or princess
14. Say the verse as loudly as you can
15. Say the verse to the wall
16. Whisper the verse

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**What to Do:**

Make one copy for each small group.

**Say What?**

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