

# ROAD TRIP



*Some things are worth the wait*

456 SMALL GROUP

## WEEK TWO

**BIBLE STORY:** Baby on Board - 1 Samuel 1:6-2:1 NIV

**Key Question:** When is it hard to have patience?

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

**LIFE APP:** Peace - Proving you care more about each other than winning an argument

**BASIC TRUTH:** I should treat others the way I want to be treated

This week's key question is "[When is it hard to have patience?](#)" Often kids don't plan on being impatient; they just find themselves in situations where their patience is tried. As we get older though, we're able to understand the sorts of moments where we might find ourselves needing a good dose of patience. We hope that kids start to discover the times they might need patience and figure out what God can help them do about it.

# PATIENCE



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## SNAPSHOT

(Activity for Group Understanding)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** N/A

- Ask if they have ever heard the phrase, “hold your tongue.” Let them share what they think that phrase means.
- Next, ask everyone to think of a time when they felt frustrated and when being patient or “holding their tongues” was a challenge.
- Without mentioning names and while holding their tongues (literally), let the students take turns telling their stories in 3-4 sentences.
- After each story, let those who were listening ask a few questions to make sure they understood what the person holding his tongue actually said.
- If time allows, let students hold their tongues once again, but this time ask them to share a few sentences about times when they were patient and were able to hold back their angry words and tempers.

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*Psalm 27:14 NIV*

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## DISCUSSION

(Activity for Group Growth)

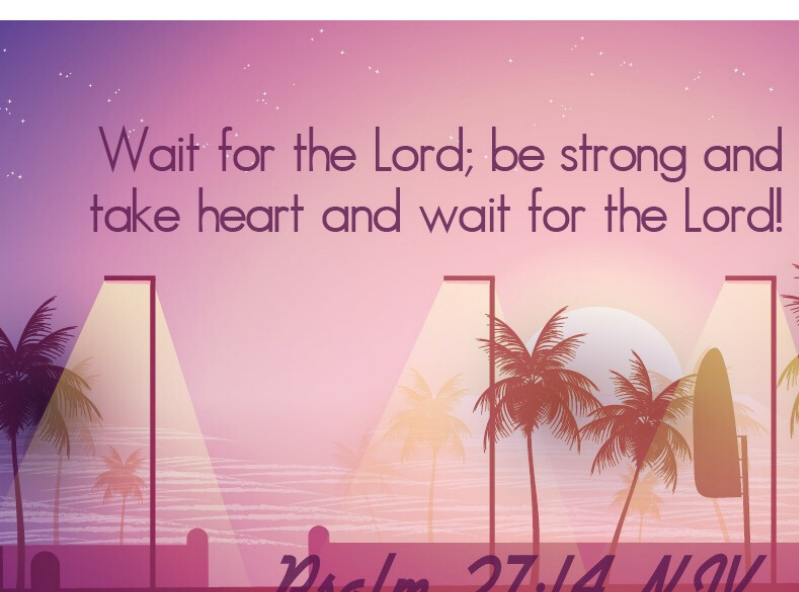
WHAT YOU NEED: N/A

- Tell the group about a situation when you had to wait a long time for something to happen.
- What are the signs that you're about to lose your patience? What sets you off? Why might it be helpful to know those signals?
- What might be the benefits of prayer during times when we have to wait for a long time?
- Name some ways God helps us to be patient when we're in a long waiting period for something the way Hannah was.
- God always answers our prayers, but His answers aren't always "YES." What can you do when God's answer is "NO" or "KEEP WAITING?"
- When you're feeling stressed or frustrated, what can you do to avoid losing your patience in the first place?

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## CONNECT

(Activity for Group Application)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Always Pray" Activity Page; Bibles; Pens

- Ask the students to take turns finishing this sentence: "I can always . . ."
- After everyone has taken a turn, if none of the students finished their sentences with, "I can always pray," stop and remind them of God's desire for us to come to Him anytime, anywhere, and at ALL times.
- Let students pick partners (or divide your group into pairs) then hand out Bibles, "Always Pray" Activity Page, and a pen to each person.
- Challenge teams to look up the verses on the "Always Pray" Activity Page then fill in the blanks with the missing words. (Answers are at the bottom of this page.)
- As students complete the verses, invite them to discuss each one with their partner then write an answer to the Sentence Starter below each verse. (Sentence Starter: I need to remember this verse when . . .)
- Bring everyone together, and as time allows, let students share some of the sentences they wrote.
- Here are the answers:
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV) "Pray continually."
  - Colossians 4:2 (NIV) "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
  - 1 Chronicles 16:11 (NIV) "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always."

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## REFLECT

(Activity for Personal Growth)

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Bible

- Form a circle.
- Read Psalm 27:14 aloud. • Challenge the students to ask God's help to live out Psalm 27:14 this week.
- Re-read the first part of the verse ("Wait for God") then ask the students to kneel down as an outward expression of their trust in God.
- Invite them to repeat the following prayer with you:
  - "Lord, help us wait for you when we're tempted this week to be impatient or to give up. Help us remember to trust you while we wait because we know that Your timing is always perfect."
- Read the second part of Psalm 27:14 ("Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord!") and then ask students to stand up as an expression of their desire to be strong for God this week.
- Invite them to repeat the following prayer with you:
  - "Lord, thank You for being our strong and powerful God. Please help us to be strong when we face situations this week that are frustrating and try our patience. Remind us to come to You for the help we need to wait. In Jesus' name, amen."

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" \_\_\_\_\_ continually."

***Finish this sentence:***

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***Colossians 4:2, NIV***

" \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves to \_\_\_\_\_, being  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_."

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**What to Do:**

Make one copy for every student.

**Always Pray, NIV**

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