



## WEEK FOUR - APRIL 2018 - KINDERGARTEN/FIRST

**Bible Story:** *Watch for Livestock • Exodus 32:1-35*

**Bottom Line:** *When you think you can't wait, think about what's true*

**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 can trust God no matter what*

**Summary:** In week four of April, we head to **Exodus 32:1-35** where we find the Israelites at the foot of Mount Sinai. Instead of obeying God and waiting for Moses to come down off the mountain, the entire nation of Israel grew impatient. They built a golden calf and began to worship it instead of worshipping God. Their lack of patience had some severe consequences.

**Bottom Line:** It's easier to wait when you remember all the times God has helped you before. You can trust Him, knowing that He'll help you wait.

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

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**1. Gone?**

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

**What You Need:** *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell

**What You Do:**

- Read the book to the kids. Be sure to use good expression.
- As you go, ask questions such as:
  - How do you think Sarah, Percy, and Bill felt when they realized that their mommy was gone?
  - What did they think about at the beginning of the story? (She's gone hunting to bring us food; she'll be back soon; "I want my mummy!")
  - Why do you think they thought those things? (To help themselves feel better; Bill wanted his mummy!)
  - What did they think about after it seemed she had been gone a long time? (She got lost; a fox got her.)
  - How do you think they felt then?
  - What was your favorite part of the book? Why?

**What You Say:**

*"In our Bible story today, we'll hear about some PEOPLE who became worried when someone was gone a long time. Let's go to Large Group to find out more."*

**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 about what's true." When we're waiting, we often think about what we don't have, what we're waiting for, how long it's taking . . . anything besides what we should be considering—that we can trust God no matter what. Even in their waiting, we hope that kids can understand how they can think about what's true.*

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

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## 1. Don't Forget What's True

[Talk about God | Bible Story Review]

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

**What You Need:** "Don't Forget What's True" Activity Page

**What You Do:**

- Guide kids to pair up.
- Give each pair a puzzle.
- Lead kids to work together to put the puzzle together.
- When each team finishes, encourage kids to describe what's happening in the picture.
- When kids notice the hidden words, tell them that there are six words hidden in the puzzle and that each word tells us something that's true about God.
- Lead kids to find each word.

**What You Say:**

*"God is kind, He is good, He is loving, He is powerful, He is strong, and He is true. What other things are true about God? (He forgives us; He's everywhere; He sent Jesus to save us; He made the world; etc.)"*

*"Do you think the Israelites remembered these things about God when they had Aaron make the golden calf? (No!) The Israelites forgot many things about God, didn't they? They forgot all the things God had done to rescue them from Egypt. They forgot all the times God had given them what they needed and protected them from their enemies. And because the Israelites forgot who God really is, they got impatient waiting for Him."*

*"You and I need to be careful to always remember who God is so that we don't get impatient when we're waiting. So when you think you can't wait, don't forget that God is kind and good. Don't forget that He loves you and wants what's best for you. **When you think you can't wait, don't forget what's true.**"*

## 2. Think!

[Application Activity]

*Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building & designing*

**What You Need:** "Owl Babies" story; paper; crayons/markers

### What You Do:

- Briefly review Owl Babies and the fact that Sarah, Percy, and Bill tried to think about good things to help themselves feel better when their mother was gone. Make the connection that just like the three owlets waited for their mother, sometimes we have to wait for things, too.
- Encourage kids to name times they might be tempted to feel worried or scared or sad while they wait for something important, such as waiting for a parent to come home from a trip, waiting for their mom or dad to get a job, waiting for their sister to finish her tutoring appointment, or waiting for a friend to get better.
- Help kids brainstorm true things they can think about when they're waiting: a worship song, a memory verse, a Bible story, or things that are true about God.
- Give each child a piece of paper and lead them to draw one true thing they can think about while they wait. (Or they can draw themselves waiting and thinking about what's true.)

### What You Say:

*"It isn't always easy to wait, is it?"*

***[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a time when you were tempted to become worried or sad or angry while you waited for something important. Tell kids what you did to help yourself not forget what's true.)***

*"So when you're waiting and you start to feel sad or scared or worried or even angry, think about what's true. Think about how much God loves you and how much He cares for you. So when you think you can't wait, don't forget what's true: God loves you, and He is always with you!"*

## 3. Pray & Dismiss

### [Prayer Activity]

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

**What You Need:** Kid's drawings from the previous activity

### What You Do:

- Ask kids to hold their drawings from the previous activity and quietly imagine themselves thinking about the thing they drew while waiting for something else to happen.
- Use a couple kids' pictures as examples, saying something like, "When Desiree thinks she can't wait, she's going to think about how much God loves her." "When Zac thinks he can't wait, he's going to remember this month's memory verse."
- Close in prayer, using the guide below.

**What You Say:**

*"Dear God, thank You that You are good, You are faithful, and You are powerful. Thank You that You love us more than we can imagine. Help us remember what's true about You when we wait for important things. Help us never forget that You love us and that we can trust You no matter what. Thank You, God. We love You so much! Amen."*

***As adults arrive to pick up, guide kids to show parents their "Think!" drawings. Encourage them to tell parents the true thing they will think about when they wait for something important.***



**What to Do:**

Print on cardstock and cut out. Make one for every two kids.

**Don't Forget What's True**

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