



## WEEK FIVE - APRIL 2018 - KINDERGARTEN/FIRST

**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:
  - What is your favorite food to smell while it's cooking?
  - What do you think about when you smell it?
  - Is it hard for you to wait to eat it?
  - What do you do while you wait?"

**What You Say:**

*"In our Bible story today, we'll hear about someone who made a choice between two things. Let's go to Large Group and find out whether he made the wise choice!"*

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. Think....Twice**

**[Application Activity]**

*Move: an activity that increases oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body*

## What You Need: "Think.....Twice" Activity Page

### What You Do:

- Lead the kids in a stop-action version of charades.
- Read the scenarios on the Activity Page and guide kids to pantomime the situation as you read.
- Be sure to read dramatically and pause occasionally so the kids can pantomime the action.
- When you say, "Stop," instruct kids to freeze.
- When you then say "Think . . . twice," lead kids to put one forefinger on their temple when you say "think" and their other forefinger on their other temple when you say "twice."
- With kids frozen in this position, read the two choices given.
- Guide kids to pantomime the wise choice.
- At the end of the game, invite kids to tell in which of the scenarios it would be hardest for them to practice patience.

### What You Say:

*"It's important that we don't make the mistake of giving up what's best for something we want now, but sometimes waiting can be hard! When is it hard for you to wait for something? (Pause.)"*

***[Make It Personal] (Tell kids when it's hard for you to wait until later for something you want now. Also tell how you stop and think twice about the possible consequences and rewards.)***

*"Who can help you make the wise choice to be patient? Yes! God can. So remember, **when you think you can't wait, think twice.** Think about what you might miss out on if you don't wait, and ask God to help you wait for what's best!"*

## 3. Pray & Dismiss

### [Prayer Activity]

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

### What You Need: N/A

### What You Do:

- Ask prompting questions to briefly review the Bible story and how Esau's lack of patience cost him a great deal.
- Emphasize that **when you think you can't wait, think twice.**

**What You Say:**

*"What are some times when it's hard for you to wait? (Pause.) If it's hard for you to wait when you see something delicious that you want to eat, show me 'think twice' (do the motion—one forefinger on your temple and then the other—for the kids to copy). If it's hard for you to wait for something you really want, like a pet or a video game or cool toy, show me 'think twice.' If it's hard for you to wait when there's something you really want to do, like playing with your friends or going to an amazingly fun place, show me 'think twice.'*

*"Sometimes it can be really hard to wait. But who can help us when we need to wait? Yes! God can. Let's pray and ask God to help us when we need to wait.*

*"Dear God, Your Word tells to wait for You. Lord, please help us make the wise choice to wait for You and for Your best. Help us not be foolish like Esau. When we think we can't wait, help us think twice. Thank You, God, that when we wait for You we NEVER miss out on what's best. We love You, Lord. Amen."*

***As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to show their adults what they can do when they think they can't wait.***

You're playing a video game when you notice a delicious smell coming from the kitchen. You put down your game, run to the kitchen, and see your mom pulling your favorite cookies out of the oven. They smell delicious, and you're really hungry. But your mom says you can't have one until after supper.

**Stop.** *(Freeze.)*

**Think . . .** *(Put one forefinger on your temple.)*

**Twice.** *(Put your other forefinger on your other temple.)*

Do you . . .

- Sneak a cookie when your mom isn't looking?

OR

- Go back to playing your game and wait until after supper to eat one?
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You're walking in the mall with your mom when you pass the biggest, most amazing candy store you've ever seen! There are HUNDREDS of candies, and each one looks better than the last. You put your hand in your pocket and pull out your money. You've been saving money to buy a special toy, but the candy looks sooooo good!

**Stop.** *(Freeze.)*

**Think . . .** *(Put one forefinger on your temple.)*

**Twice.** *(Put your other forefinger on your other temple.)*

Do you . . .

- Put your money back into your pocket and tell yourself that you'll buy some candy AFTER you've bought your toy?

OR

- Go ahead and use all your money to buy some candy now?
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**What to Do:**

Print one for each Small Group.

**Think . . . Twice 1/2**

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You're sitting at school doing a math worksheet. When you finish, you can go play your favorite game. But the worksheet is hard, and it may take you a while. Just then you see that the person beside you has finished her worksheet. You look over at her paper.

**Stop.** *(Freeze.)*

**Think . . .** *(Put one forefinger on your temple.)*

**Twice.** *(Put your other forefinger on your other temple.)*

Do you . . .

- Copy her answers so that you can go ahead and play with your friends?

OR

- Take the time to finish the worksheet yourself?

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Your family just walked to the beach. You spread your towel on the sand, put on your sunscreen, slide on your water shoes, and grab your beach bucket. You're all ready to run to the water . . . when your mom tells you to wait for your little brother. He still needs his sunscreen, and your mom hasn't started putting it on yet. You feel disappointment growing inside you.

**Stop.** *(Freeze.)*

**Think . . .** *(Put one forefinger on your temple.)*

**Twice.** *(Put your other forefinger on your other temple.)*

Do you . . .

- Take a deep breath and ask your mom if you can help her?

OR

- Whine and complain that you always have to wait for your little brother?

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**Think . . . Twice 2/2**

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