

April 8, 2018

Memory Verse:

“Wait for the Lord.
Be strong and don't
lose hope. Wait for
the Lord!”

Key Question: When is it hard to have patience?

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it.

Bible Story: Baby on Board • 1 Samuel 1:6-2:1

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

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:44 - KIDS ARRIVE

Team Welcomes Kids *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

Summary: For our first week focused on patience, we look to 1 Samuel 1:6-2:1 where we discover the story of Hannah. She had waited years for a child. Rather than become frustrated and angry toward God, she prays and tells Him all about it. When God answers her prayer, she gives her son back to God. He honored her waiting and blessed her with even more children.

It's important for us all to remember that talking to God about waiting will help us stay patient through whatever circumstance we might face. He may not change our circumstance, but He'll give the strength to keep waiting well.

9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP

"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"

shout out the name

1. Early Arriver Idea

Move: an activity that taps into the energy in the body

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Ask kids questions such as:
 - When is your birthday?
 - NOTE: Use questions like these to get a better idea of your SG few so you can use it as times to write birthday cards and so forth
 - How do you like to celebrate your birthday?
 - When your birthday gets close, is it hard for you to wait?

What You Say:

"Have you ever had to wait a long time for something? What was it? Was it hard to wait? What did you do while you waited? [Transition] In our Bible story today, we'll hear about a woman who had to wait a loong time for something she really wanted. Let's go to Large Group to learn more."

Bible Story - INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few) Worship SONGS

9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP

GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

2. Wait for the Lord

[Hear from God | Application Activity]

Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing and designing

What You Need: "Wait for the Lord" Activity Pages; markers

What You Do:

- Give each child a "Wait for the Lord" Activity Page.
- Guide kids to point to the words as you read them aloud together. Emphasize the fact that we can wait for God because we can trust Him no matter what!
- Set out the markers.
- Briefly review that Hannah waited a long time for a baby, but as she waited, she trusted God.
- Take a marker and place a medium-sized dot onto each kid's paper.
- They can then draw as however they choose.
- As kids create, encourage them to share times when they may need to trust God while they wait.
- If kids are stuck for ideas, ask them if they've ever had to wait for their family to get a pet, for their mom or dad to get a job, for someone to get better if they've been sick, or for someone to know Jesus.
- Remind kids that no matter what they're waiting for, they can trust God and talk to Him about it.
- When kids finish, guide them to wipe their hands.

What You Say:

"Hannah had to wait a long time for something she wanted more than anything in the world: a baby! Hannah waited so long that she became really sad. But when Hannah talked to God and told Him how she felt, she wasn't as sad anymore. God heard her prayer and helped her feel better.

[Make It Personal] (Share a child-appropriate time when you were waiting for something and talked to God about it. Tell how God helped you wait.)

*"So if you ever feel sad, angry, or upset about having to wait for something, talk to God about it. Tell Him how you feel. He loves you, and He wants to help you. So remember: **When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it.**"*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- Guide kids to sit silently and think of something that they're waiting for. It might be a pet, learning how to read, for their mom or dad to get a job, for someone to get well, or for someone to know Jesus.
- Lead kids in prayer, asking God to help the kids trust Him while they wait.

What You Say:

"Dear God, thank You that You always listen to us. Thank You that You want us to talk to You when we are sad, mad, or upset about waiting. Thank You that You want us to tell You how we feel because You love us and want to help us. Please help us remember to talk to You when we're having a hard time being patient. Help us remember that we can always trust You while we wait. We love You, God. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, pass out Parent Cue cards and guide kids to tell their parents today's Bottom Line: **When you think you can't wait, talk to God about it.**