



WEEK FOUR – MAY 2019

Bible Story: *Right Here Waiting* ▪ Luke 2:22–35

Bottom Line: *When you need to wait, ask God for patience.*

Memory Verse: *“The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.” Galatians 5:22–23a, NIRV*

Life App: *What God is doing in you to change the world around you*

Basic Truth: *I can trust God no matter what.*

Summary: In Luke 2:22–35 we read about Simeon. God promised Simeon that he would live to see the Messiah. While we’re not sure how long he waited, he must have been so excited when the Holy Spirit led him into the temple courtyard where Simeon saw Mary and Joseph with Jesus! God’s promises were true, and seeing Jesus was worth the wait!

Bottom Line: *When you need to wait, ask God for patience. We all face moments where we’ll find it difficult to have patience. From waiting in line to get a seat at your favorite restaurant to sitting in construction traffic on your way to vacation, how can you have patience when you just want to get a move on? We pray that kids will start with prayer and ask God for help. God can give us patience in any situation!*

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 - KIDS ARRIVE

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

"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

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

What You Need: Dum–Dums

What You Do:

- Ask: “Have you ever had to wait a looong time for something you really wanted? What was it? Was it hard to wait?”
- Let each child choose a candy.
- Tell kids that if they wait and don’t eat their candy now, they can choose two more pieces during Prayer!

2. Wait, Till You’re Older

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

What You Need: Butcher paper; markers

What You Do:

- Ask kids to name some things they can do now that they couldn’t do when they were younger.
- As kids give answers, write them down on the butcher paper or poster board.

What You Say:

Waiting! No matter your age, you will always have to wait for something. [Transition] In our Bible story today, we’ll hear about a man who waited a LONG time for something that had been promised to him. Let’s find out if he waited with patience or if he gave up.”

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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

*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. Patience Puzzle

[Bible Story Review]

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

What You Need: Prepared “Patience Puzzles” (Activity Pages)

What You Do:

- Help each child find a partner. If you have an odd number of kids, form a group of three.

- Give each group a puzzle.
- At your signal of “green light,” teams work together to assemble the puzzles.
- As they work, randomly call out “red light” (the kids must freeze), “yellow light” (the kids must move in slow motion), and “green light” (the kids may work at normal speed).
- When all groups finish, invite kids to describe what’s happening in the picture.

What You Say:

“Simeon made a regular habit of talking with God and listening to what He said. He spent time in the temple, too, listening to God’s promises. One day, God’s Spirit gave Simeon a strong, clear promise. God told Simeon that he wouldn’t die before he saw the Messiah, the Savior.

“And even though he had to wait a LONG time, Simeon trusted God’s promise. And one day, his patience paid off. He found himself looking into the dark, bright eyes of a little baby held lovingly in his mother’s arms. Simeon was looking into the eyes of baby Jesus, God’s Savior! Wow! God kept His promise!

*“Does God always keep His promises? Yes, God always, always, always, always keeps His promises. Sometimes, like Simeon, we may have to wait a long time for them to come true, but **[Bottom Line] when you need to wait, ask God for patience.** He’ll help you. And remember, whatever God promises is true!”*

3. Pray and Dismiss

[Prayer Activity]

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

What You Need: Candies from earlier

What You Do:

- Use the conversation below to lead kids into prayer.

What You Say:

“Sometimes waiting can be hard! What are some things you can do to help you wait patiently? (Sing, dance, play a game, draw or color, talk with a friend, read, or look at a book.) More than anything else, WHO can help you be patient? Yes! God can. And when you believe in Jesus, you have God’s Holy Spirit to help you be patient.

“So, no matter what you’re waiting for, talk to God about it. He loves you, so tell Him how you feel. He can help you have peace, and He can help you be patient. Let’s pray.”

(Lead kids in prayer, asking God to help the kids be patient even when it’s hard. Thank Him for His love and for His Holy Spirit, Who helps us. Then allow kids who didn’t eat their candy to choose two more pieces. Praise them for their patience!)

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to tell parents one thing they will do that can help them wait patiently. Remind each child that [Bottom Line] when you need to wait, ask God for patience. He loves you, and He’ll help!