



WEEK  
**THREE**  
MARCH 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**K-3**

**PRELUDE**      **SOCIAL**      **STORY**      **WORSHIP**      **GROUPS**      **HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates concrete application through role-play and reenactment



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### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**Can't Hardly Wait**  
Esau's Impatience  
Genesis 25:24-34

### EARLY ARRIVER

**WHAT YOU NEED:** hand sanitizer

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Instruct the kids to use one pump of hand sanitizer.
- Ask "What could you miss out on by not waiting?"
- Invite volunteers to act out answers to this question.
- Here are some examples:
  - A surprise can be ruined if you peek at a Christmas gift early.
  - You can lose privileges if you throw a fit instead of waiting your turn.
  - You can burn your tongue on chocolate chip cookies if you don't wait for them to cool.

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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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### MONTHLY LIFE APP

**Patience—Waiting until later  
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an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



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### EARLY ARRIVER #2

**WHAT YOU NEED:** hand sanitizer, prepared black and white cookies on half-sheet of paper, markers

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**WHAT YOU DO:**

- As kids arrive, encourage them to wash their hands or use a pump of hand-sanitizer.
- Provide each kid with one black and white picture of a cookie.
- Encourage them to decorate their "cookies."
- Ask, "What is your favorite kind of cookie? Why?"

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**TAKE YOUR PICK**

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Take Your Pick" Activity Page, brown paper bag

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Put the cards from the "Take Your Pick" Activity Page in the brown paper bag and shake them up.
- Invite a kid to reach into the bag, choose a card, then read the card aloud.
- As a group, come up with an impatient response.
- After the kids have shared an impatient response, ask "What could this response cost you?"
- As a group, come up with a better, patient response.
- After the kids have shared a patient response, ask "Why would this response be better?"

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Goodness! Those impatient responses could really cause us all a lot of trouble—just like it did for Esau! Patience means that we wait for what's best. It's not settling for a quick fix. **If you don't wait, it could cost you.** I bet Esau wished he would've had more patience! I'm thankful we have the Bible to help us know the wise way to live!"

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### MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



### WAIT FOR IT [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** No supplies needed

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Pick one kid to be the “freezer” who tags other kids and another kid to be the “un-freezer.”
- Play a game of “Wait for It” Freeze tag.
  - Everyone moves around the room.
  - If someone gets tagged by the “freezer,” they freeze and make a “W” with their body—without talking!
  - Show kids how to make a “W” with their body (hold their arms out beside their bodies with their elbows bent).
  - If a kid is silent and waiting patiently, the “un-freezer” can un-freeze them.
  - Instruct the un-freezer to say, “Thanks for waiting patiently,” each time they un-freeze someone.
- Pause every couple of minutes to let others have a chance to be the freezer or the un-freezer.
- Play as many rounds as time allows.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

“What happened when you didn't wait patiently? You had to wait longer to be un-frozen! Sometimes it's hard to wait, but **if you don't wait, it could cost you**. Sometimes you'll miss out on small things, like cookies. But sometimes it could be something bigger, like losing privileges at home because you lost your cool.” **[Make it Personal] (Tell the group about a time you had to wait for something you really wanted and explain why the wait was worth it. Or tell kids a story about when you didn't wait patiently, and it cost you something.)**





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**MADE TO MOVE**

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



**DON'T LOSE HOPE**

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Don't Lose Hope" Activity Page

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Look up and review Psalm 27:14 together.
- Tell kids that you will focus on the part of the verse that says, "don't lose hope."
- Talk about how it's sometimes easy to lose hope while waiting for something big or important, such as when a parent is looking for a job or when you're waiting to find out which teacher you'll have in the new school year.
  - Ask kids if they've ever waited for something big or important. What did it feel like? Was it hard to be patient and have a good attitude?
- Tell the kids that instead of losing hope today, they will find hope!
- Explain that there are 20 strips with the word "hope" hidden around your small group space. Their goal is to find all of them.
- Send them out on a search for hope!
- When all 20 have been found, instruct kids to each keep one of the strips for prayer time.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Now this is a crew that is serious about not losing hope! When the waiting seems long, it can be a challenge to not lose hope. *(Insert some of the examples kids shared earlier.)* Maybe you have prayed for your grandpa to get better, your mom to find a job, or to be old enough to take piano lessons. Although waiting seems like it takes forever, **if you don't wait, it could cost you** the better plan that God has for you. We can keep our hope in Him, no matter what!"

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**MADE TO REFLECT**

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



**PRAY AND DISMISS**  
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Hope strips from "Don't Lose Hope" Activity

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Encourage kids to hang their "hope" paper at home in a place they will see it every day.
- Tell them that they could also hang their paper in a place where the whole family can see it.
- They can help remind their family that they don't have to lose hope, no matter what they are praying and waiting for this week!
- Pray together as a group.

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**WHAT YOU SAY:**

"Dear Jesus, we know that our hope is found in You no matter what we are praying and waiting for. Thank You for reminding us that even though waiting isn't fun and can be super tough at times, **if you don't wait, it could cost you.** We totally trust that You have our best interest in mind, Jesus. Even when we can't see it and doubt Your perfect plan, we will choose patience and wait on You! Help us cling to You in our waiting this week, whether big or small. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen!"

**TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE**

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As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to tell them what Esau gave up and what he got in return! Prompt them to say today's bottom line. **If you don't wait, it could cost you.**

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