



IT'S WORTH THE WAIT

WEEK
TWO
MARCH 2021

LARGE GROUP

K-6

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Sitting, Waiting, Wishing
Golden Calf
Exodus 32:1-35

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What can you think about
when it's hard to wait?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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remember what's true.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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hope. Wait for the Lord.
Psalm 27:14, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Patience—Waiting until later
for what you want now

BASIC TRUTH

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PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- MONTHLY CHALLENGE - PATIENCE
- Each grade share stories every week with your leaders of YOU showing patience
- We will celebrate/show how much PATIENCE we can share this month by grade level
- **LOVE WORKS SUNDAY NEXT WEEK - use flier to promote**
- *****PRETEEN TEASER: Superstart Event April 30-May1**

WORSHIP:

- THROUGH IT ALL
- THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO

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25
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ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP

Host enters . . .

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN (30- OR 60-SECOND VERSION)

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME

WELCOME

Host has lots of energy as he or she welcomes everyone to [Name of Environment]. Host is relatable and inviting. Host can talk about something that is happening currently, like the crazy weather, March Madness (if it is happening), movie opening, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect. This is especially helpful for first-time guests to make them feel like they know what's happening.

OPENER

HOST: "Welcome, everyone! Now, not many of you know this, but I am . . . not a chef. Can't cook, can't bake, and I've even forgotten the recipe for ice. One thing I can do, though, is balance things on my head. (*carefully place one chef's hat on*) Ta-DAH!"

Pose as if it's the greatest thing ever.

"Huh. Not that impressive, eh? Anyone out there think they can do better? (*Pause for responses.*) Oh, I see how it is. Fine, you're on. But you're at [*name of environment*]. We don't do things halfway.

Dump out a pile of chef's hats.

"This will be Small Group vs. Small Group in the Epic Chef's Hat Stack!"

SLIDE: HAT STACK GAME SLIDE

"We'll need two Small Groups and their leaders!"

Choose two Small Groups and have them gather at the

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front of the room. Have the Small Group Leaders sit in chairs, surrounded by their groups.

“Okay, smarties, here’s the challenge. Each team has ten chef’s hats. We’ll put 60 seconds on the clock, and it’s your job to stack all of those on top of your leader’s head! If neither team reaches ten hats before time runs out, the tallest stack wins! Oh, and no fair simply flattening them and balancing them that way. They must be fully extended! Ready? Steady? Bake!”

VIDEO: 60-SECOND TIMER

Encourage the large group to cheer for the team they think is going to win. Once 60 seconds is up, declare a winner. If time allows, repeat the game with two more small groups.

“That game was all about balance, wasn’t it? There’s a way to keep your balance even when things get frustrating, especially when you’re impatient. Your moods tend to tip over pretty quickly if you have to wait for stuff, am I right? But don’t worry, I won’t make you wait for worship. Let’s sing and worship our great God!”

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: “Hey, friends! It’s time for us to dance, sing, and celebrate as we worship Jesus together. His love for us is SO great! Let’s thank Him as we sing.

AUDIO: THROUGH IT ALL

AUDIO: THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Over and over and over, God had helped His people. He had rescued them from Egypt. He had led them through the wilderness and given them everything they needed. But when the people had to wait, they couldn't do it!

"Honestly, isn't it the same with us? We tend to forget how things have worked out in the past, and we worry and get fearful, and that leads to impatience. Then we try to take things into our own hands and mess everything up."

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

"When you have to wait, remember what's true.

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

"What we really have to try to do is remember is what's true. Remember the times when God was there in the hard times. Remember what it was like when you felt better after praying. Remember how God surrounded you with great friends when you came to a new school or a new grade or a new church where you didn't know anyone."

"There's trust to be found in the waiting. Then things won't get so out of balance!"

COMMUNICATOR: "As you make your way with your friends to your Small Groups, think about this:"

SLIDE: KEY QUESTION

"What can you think about when it's hard to wait? It the midst of the worst kind of waiting, where does your mind go? And, more importantly, where should it go? You'll find your balance in your Small Group as you unpack that question, but before we head there, let's pray."

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for this story and for all that we can learn from it. Help us remember what's true. Help us trust You instead of being impatient like the Israelites. Help us learn to wait until later for the things we want right now. Thank You for loving us and for being a God we can trust, no matter what. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."