



IT'S WORTH THE WAIT

WEEK
THREE
MARCH 2021

LARGE GROUP

K-6

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

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TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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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 - celebrate**
- *****PRETEEN TEASER: Superstart Event April 30-May1 - registration opens March 28**

WORSHIP:

- THE BEST IS YET TO COME
- GRAVES INTO GARDENS

SMALL GROUP

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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. 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 openings, etc. Host tells them how excited he or she is that they're there and briefly runs through what they can expect.

OPENER

HOST: "Good morning, kids, and welcome once again to [name of environment]! Patience is on the menu this entire month, and it's a dish best served cold! No, wait, that's revenge . . . It's a hard thing to swallow! No, no wait, that's pride. Pride is hard to swallow. It's a hard thing to crack! That's . . . nope. That's nuts. Hard nut to crack. Hmm. Patience is . . . eh . . . the icing on the cake, bringing home the bacon like two peas in a pod! Oh, never mind. Let's just move on . . ."

SLIDE: LIFE APP

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO LIFE APP

"Patience is waiting until later for what you want now.

SLIDE: THEME

OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): LIFE APP TRANSITION TO THEME

"It's not easy to be patient . . . like when you REALLY, really want something . . . or when your mom asks you to wait to talk instead of interrupting . . . or when you're in the kitchen, waiting for a yummy treat to bake in the oven. All of us have times when it's tough to wait. But with God's help, we can be patient in ANY situation!

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"I've got another fun baking game for you today. I call it, 'What's the Cost?'

"I'll show you an ingredient you might use to bake something, and first, I'll tell you the WRONG price for that item. You and your small group will get together and decide if you think the real price of the item is higher or lower than the price I told you. If you're right, your group gets a point. Each leader can keep score for their group, and we'll see who has the most points at the end!

"First up is a dozen eggs.

Set the egg carton on the table. Hold up the over-sized \$10 price tag.

OPTIONAL SLIDE: PICTURE OF A DOZEN EGGS

"The price tag says the eggs cost \$10. Do you think the actual price is higher or lower?

Pause for groups to make their guesses. Get each leader to "lock in" their group's vote by giving either a thumbs-up or thumbs-down.

Once all groups have made their guesses, flip over the price tag to show the actual price of the item. Call out the actual price and whether it's higher or lower. Quickly acknowledge the groups that got it right.

Continue through the other four items in the same way. Each time, use an over-sized price tag and flip it over to reveal the actual price of the item.

OPTIONAL SLIDE: PICTURES OF THE OTHER ITEMS

After the last round, ask if any groups got three points . . . four points . . . or five points. Congratulate all groups for playing their best.

"That was really fun! Great job, friends. Give yourselves a hand! (Pause for response.) Now, it's time to jump up to our feet and get ready to sing and worship God."

WORSHIP

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey there, friends! I'm so excited for this moment where we get to lift our voices and give God the praise He deserves. I want to share His love every single day. Everybody, let's worship Him together.

AUDIO: THE BEST IS YET TO COME

AUDIO: GRAVES INTO GARDENS

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "It's hard to believe that Esau traded away his rights as the oldest son . . . all for a meal that would last him only a few hours! But that's what can happen when we're impatient—when we act without thinking. We might say or do something we wish we hadn't. We might end up losing something important.

"You see . . .

SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE

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SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

"Esau's problem was that he was hungry. He was probably pretty tired after being out hunting all day. He didn't think about what was at stake if he didn't wait. Think about when you're hungry and you find yourself getting hangry. You become grumpy, maybe a little short-tempered. What about when you're already angry or feeling lonely? Or another time when you're primed to snap—when you're super tired?"

"When you're faced with being patient or rushing ahead, think about all you can gain if you just wait. If you lose your temper, you're missing out on what's best—plus chances are the impatience will cause you some trouble. Choose to be patient and trust God. Pray and ask God for help. God can give you the strength you need to wait. It also helps when you're having trouble waiting, to find someone you trust and talk to them about it. It totally helps!"

"As you head to Small Group, think about this question:"

SLIDE: KEY QUESTION

"What could you miss out on by not waiting? What things could you experience if you slowed down and took your time? How much more present-minded would you be instead of always jumping ahead and wanting to get to the end, or the answer, or the prize? You'll get to uncover awesome these awesome truths and more in groups, but before we head out, let's pray."

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, we need Your help so we can be patient, instead of being IMpatient like Esau. Please help us learn to wait when we need to. We don't want to hurt our relationships or miss out on something good because we're not willing to wait for it. Help us trust You and remember that You'll always be there to help us. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name."