

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

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



OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Patience Race" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a folded copy of the "Patience Race" Activity Page.
- Tell them that they're each getting a different set of

instructions.

- Explain that, at your signal, they can open their papers and read the instructions.
- The goal of the game is to be the first to finish the list of actions.
- Signal the kids to begin.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Sitting, Wishing, Waiting

Golden Calf
Exodus 32:1-35

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Step One said, 'Read all the instructions below first and then try to be the first to complete the race.' If you read each of the steps all the way to end without doing any of the actions – CONGRATULATIONS! You won the game. Sometimes It's easy to get ahead of ourselves, isn't it? **[Transition] In today's story we're going to hear about a situation in which someone's impatience got the better of them. They ended up losing big time. Let's go find out what happened.**"

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

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

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

When you think you can't wait, remember what's true.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Wait for the Lord.
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Psalm 27:14, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Patience—Waiting until later for what you want now

BASIC TRUTH

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IT'S WORTH THE WAIT

WEEK
TWO
MARCH 2021

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, paper plates, pens or markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place a line of tape on the floor to divide your group's area in half.
- Form two teams.
- Ask each team to write three review questions about the Bible story and two questions about how to apply or live out what they learned about patience from the story.
- Kids can look up Exodus 32:1-35 in their Bibles for help with review questions.
- Assist them as needed to come up with relevant application questions.
- Collect all the plates then shuffle them together.
- Redistribute half of the plates to one team and the remaining plates to the other team.
- Explain that you'll signal teams to begin tossing the plates like a frisbee across the line on the floor to the other side.
- The goal is to get rid of as many plates as possible by picking up the plates that have landed on your team's side and throwing them to the other side.
- When they hear you MOO like a cow, they must immediately stop tossing their plates.
- Pause the game (by MOOING) after ten seconds and have teams count their plates.
- Ask the team with the least amount of plates on their side of the line to choose a plate from their side and then read and answer the question.
- If they choose an application question, spend a moment discussing it as a group and then remove that plate from the game.
- Begin another round and continue.
- Play until all plates have been read, answered, and discussed. (When you're down to about 4-5 plates, you can eliminate the "tossing" part of the game and just finish asking/answering the rest of the questions.)

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- If you had been on the scene when the Israelites started planning the golden calf construction project, what could you have said to help them go back to what was true and do the right thing?
- What do you think are some of the best reasons to be patient?
- What are some things you believe, without a doubt, to be true about God?
- What can you think about when it's hard to wait?
- When you're in a tough situation and you have to wait for answers—like when a family member is sick or when a parent loses a job—how does it help you to know that God keeps His promises, loves you, has a plan for you, etc.?

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an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible

WHAT YOU DO:

- Return to Psalm 62:1-2 as you lead kids to pray for God's help as they face frustrations, fears, or other feelings that trigger impatience in them.
- Pause after each verse and invite kids to identify a promise or truth about God found in that verse then share their thoughts in silent or spoken prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, You are our rock, refuge, and hope. We can trust in You and pour out our hearts to You. Please help us turn our attitude around when we begin to feel our patience growing thin. Help us remember what is true about You and that You will give us what we need to follow You in the things we say and do. Amen."

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