



Cookout: It's worth the wait

Patience is waiting until later for what you want now.



Week One

A Patience Proverb
Proverbs 14:29

When is it hard to have patience?

Week Two

Esau's Impatience
Genesis 25:24-34

What could you miss out on by not waiting?

Week Three

Golden Calf
Exodus 32:1-35

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

Week Four

Simeon Waits for the Messiah
Luke 2:25-35

What are you waiting for right now?

MEMORY VERSE

"Wait for the Lord.
Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord."
Psalm 27:14, NIV



Morning Time

As your kid starts their day, tell them about a time when you saw them make a wise choice.



Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: "When is it hard to have patience?"



Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "What was your favorite part of today? What was your least favorite part of today?"



Bed Time

Pray for each other: "God, thank You that even when it seems like nothing is happening with things we are waiting on, You are teaching us things we need to know and preparing us for whatever is next."

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Talk About the Bible Story

Open the Bible together and read Proverbs 14:29 or watch the video together on the Parent Cue app.

Engagement Questions

- **When is it hard to have patience?**
- When does waiting seem the most difficult?
- What is one strategy you could use to have more patience when you're waiting?

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Prayer

"Dear God, You know how hard it is sometimes for us to WAIT. We get impatient when we must WAIT in line, WAIT for dinner, or WAIT for our turn in a game. We ask that You help us make WISE responses and not foolish reactions that hurt others and us. Give us the ability to WAIT for You with patience for the things we want now. Remind us this week that WAITING can make us WISE.

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Preteen

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- **What could you miss out on by not waiting?**
- Why do you think waiting can be hard for us?
- What are some situations you really want to do better at when it comes to waiting and thinking twice before you act?

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Prayer

“Dear God, thank You for giving us patience, and the ability to think not just once, but twice when we need to slow down. Show us how to love others by being patient with them this week. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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As your kid starts their day, ask them how you can pray for them today.



Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: “What could you miss out on by not waiting?”



Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: “Tell me a funny story or joke.”



Bed Time

Pray for each other: “God, when we are tired of waiting, it’s easy to just rush ahead. But sometimes when we get impatient, we make bad choices. Help us to trust that You are working for our good—even while we are waiting.”

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Open the Bible together and read Exodus 32:1-35 or watch the video together on the Parent Cue app.

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- What are three things you believe to be true about God?
- What can you think about when it's hard to wait?**
- Who in your life is good at waiting, and how can you learn from them?

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"Dear God, thank You for being with us when we have to wait. Thank You for putting people around us to help us when we're frustrated or impatient. Please help us to focus on You this week and wait with patience. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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As your kid starts their day, tell them something good and true about them.



Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: "What can you think about when it's hard to wait?"



Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "What is something true about you? What is something not true?" (Give an example: You love baseball. You hate candy.)



Bed Time

Pray for each other: "God, when we are waiting, it's easy to get frustrated, angry, scared, or impatient. Help us to remember that You are always working, and we can trust in You while we wait."

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Open the Bible together and read Luke 2:25-35 or watch the video together on the Parent Cue app.

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- How did the people in the story show trust in God?
- How do we know that God is with us while we're waiting?
- What are you waiting for right now?**

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"Dear God, thank You for being with us while we wait. You will never leave us. Show us how to wait well, no matter the situation. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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As your kid starts their day, remind them that you love them no matter what.



Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: "What are you waiting for right now?"



Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "What are some things you had to wait for today?" (Make sure you answer this too.)



Bed Time

Pray for each other: "God, help us to remember that while we're waiting, we are never alone. You are always with us."

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