

Use this guide to help your family learn how God can help us to be patient.

First, watch this week's video!

Patience: Waiting until later for what you want now

### **Memory Verse**

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

## **Bible Story**

Golden Calf Exodus 32:1-35

# **Key Question**

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

# **Activity**

Waiting Well

### What You Need:

Several note cards and a writing utensil

### What You Do:

Sit down with your child. Ask them to name a few situations when it feels difficult for them to wait. Then, think of a few of your own. Write down each situation on its own note card. Try to come up with three to five cards for each of you.

Then, switch cards. Flip them over and write down one way to wait patiently in each situation. (You're suggesting solutions for your child, and they're suggesting solutions for you.)

Next, read aloud each situation and solution. Discuss one another's suggestions. Challenge your child to remember that they have a choice in how they wait. And remember, the same is true for you!



# Talk About the Bible Story

Out of all the situations we just talked about, which one is the most difficult for you to handle with patience?

Do you remember what the Israelites did when they were waiting on Moses? (They whined and complained and grew hopeless.)

What should the Israelites have been thinking about instead of complaining while they were waiting? (They should have remembered that God had promised to give them a new land; they should have trusted Moses to come back and lead them.)

When have you acted like the Israelites when you were waiting on something?

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?

Ask your child, "When have you noticed me being impatient? In those times, how do you think I can remember what's true?"

# **Prayer**

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, it's so good to know that we can trust in You and talk to You whenever we want to. When we start feeling impatient, please help us to turn our attitude around. Help us to remember what is true about You. Please give us what we need to follow You in the things we say and do. Amen."

Preteen Week 2



# Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

# SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

- 1. You liked:
- 2. You learned: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. You'd like to know: \_\_\_\_\_

# Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

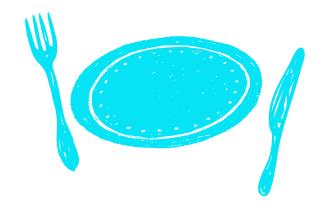
WHAT CAN YOU THINK ABOUT WHEN IT'S	
HARD TO WAIT?	

# Day 4

Grab the paper or device you used for day two and find a friend who you can share the story with.

Use your emojis to help you remember the details of the story found in Exodus 32.

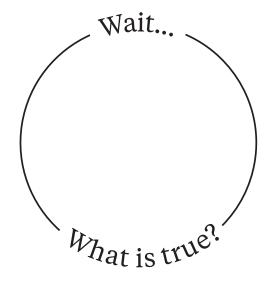
Talk with your friend about what the Israelites forgot when they got impatient. Share with each other something true that you can think about when it's hard to wait.



# Day 5

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

When it's hard to wait, it's easy to forget what is true. So today you're going to make something that will help you remember! Color in the artwork below. Then fill in the blank space with things that are true about God, about you and about patience. Lastly, cut out the circle and hang it on your backpack, or tape it to your bedroom mirror, or put it on the fridge door—wherever you think it will be most helpful to remember what is true!



# Day 2

# Read Exodus 32:1-20

As you read Exodus 32:1-20, use emojis to illustrate what you read. You can draw simple ones yourself, or use the notes app on a device to create your emoji re-creation. Here's an example of what the beginning of the story might look like:











Keep going until you've told the whole story in emoji-form. Then save your piece of paper or note for later this week.



# There is so much that is true about God!

- → God is with you. (Isaiah 41:10)
- → God will give you peace. (Isaiah 26:3 and John 16:33)
- → God will never leave you. (Deuteronomy 31:8)
- → God will guide you. (Psalm 32:8)
- → God will protect you. (Psalm 37:23-24)
- → God will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28-29)
- → God will give you strength. (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

Which one of these true statements about God means the most to you right now? Circle one or two. Then use them to fill in this prayer.

"Dear God, thank You for the truth that You	
When I'r	n
having a hard time waiting on	
, help me to remembe	er
that	
In Jesus' Name, I pray, <b>amen</b> ."	

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# **Preteen**

**WEEKLY CUES** 

YOU GOT THIS!

**Theme** 

# Bake Off: It's Worth the Wait

Patience is waiting until later for what you want now.



# **REMEMBER THIS**

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

# **Week Two**

Exodus 32:1-35 Golden Calf

# **Ask This**

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

# **Do This**



# **Meal Time**

**Q&A FOR KIDS:** Do you find it hardest to wait for your birthday, vacation, or Christmas? Why?

**Q&A FOR PARENTS:** What are your favorite patience hacks?



# "You can fast forward childhood, but you can't rewind it."

-Jon Acuff

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