

Bake Off: It's Worth The Wait



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, NIV

Bible Story

Palm Sunday
Matthew 21:1-22

Key Question

What are you
waiting for
right now?

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

Activity

Wait-and-See

What You Need:

Several sheets of paper, large book or pad to support the paper, writing utensil, several cookie cutters (or objects with a defined shape), bowl

What You Do:

Place all of the cookie cutters in the bowl. Give your child a piece of paper and something to draw with. Then, put the bowl in your lap and sit back-to-back with your child.

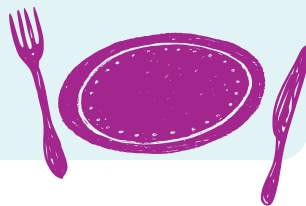
Say, "I'm going to close my eyes and pull out a cookie cutter. Neither one of us will be able to look at it, but I'll try to describe its shape to you while keeping my eyes closed. Based on my description, you'll draw it on the sheet of paper."

Complete the first round. (Remember, even if you know what the shape is, don't tell your child exactly what it is!) Compare the cookie cutter to the actual drawing. How close or far off were the two of you?

Now, switch roles so that you're the one drawing and your child is the one describing. (Remind them not to peek at the cookie cutter!)

Continue back and forth until you've described and drawn all the shapes of the cookie cutters.

After the game is over, ask, "When was it hardest to wait in the game we just played—when you were drawing and waiting to see if you were right? Or when you were describing and waiting to see what I had drawn?"



Talk About the Bible Story

For hundreds of years, God's people had been waiting for the Messiah to come. What's the longest you've had to wait for something?

Why is it good to find something to celebrate while you're waiting and trying to be patient?

Name three things you can celebrate every day, no matter what.

When you're feeling impatient, the LAST thing you're probably thinking about is what you can celebrate or be grateful for. How could we change that and make it the FIRST thing we think about?

Parent: Talk about a time when you were able to celebrate while waiting. Talk about how much better the result was, because you were able to celebrate and be thankful for something while you had to wait.

Prayer

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

"Dear God, waiting is not always fun. While we're waiting, being thankful is often the LAST thing on our minds. Help us to remember that there are always reasons to celebrate—even if we don't have what we want right now. Thank You for being patient with us. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."



Day 1

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Go to [Studio252.tv](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Journal

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



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## Day 4

### Have you ever seen the game show Family Feud?

Contestants compete to guess the most popular answers to questions. Today you're going to interview your family and friends to see what their opinions are on things we have to wait for, and then you'll use those answers for your own Family Feud game (see tomorrow!). Grab a sheet of paper, pen, and then get to work interviewing as many people as you can. (Try to get at least 10 responses per question . . . you can ask friends at school, send text messages or emails, or ask your neighbors!)

- ➔ What is the holiday you look forward to the most?
- ➔ What is your favorite day of the week?
- ➔ What is something you save up your money to buy?
- ➔ Where do you want to go on vacation?
- ➔ What is something you're willing to stand in line for hours for?



## Day 5

### What are you waiting for right now?

Easter is just around the corner, and there will be much to celebrate! While you wait, begin the celebrating by planning how you and your family will spend the day. Talk with the adults in your home about what you hope to do, and see what they already have planned. Then work on getting ready for the celebration. Here are some things you could do:

- 1) Make homemade invitations by hand or on your computer/device. (You can use an online invitation service, but ask permission first.) Include the who, what, when, where, and most importantly, why. (Why are you celebrating?!)
- 2) Plan games and activities. Don't forget to use your Family Feud game you gathered info for yesterday! (See <https://bit.ly/38iE7GO> for the rules on how to play!)
- 3) Gather materials you can use to decorate.
- 4) Ask family members for help prepping supplies and decorating. As you work together, share with each other what you're waiting for right now, maybe it's getting the grade back on a big test or for summer to get here already. Whatever it is, share with each other how you can celebrate while you wait.
- 5) Have fun as you wait and celebrate!

## Day 2

### Read Matthew 21:1-11

Get a sheet of paper and do your best to recreate the palm branch—make it pretty large so you have room to write inside it. If you have colored pencils or crayons, lightly color in your palm branch in green.

Then read Matthew 21:1-11. When you get to the part where the people waved the palm branches, write the words they called out to celebrate Jesus inside the palm branch. Use your best handwriting. Then, hang the mini-poster somewhere you will see it this week.



## Day 3

### What's something you're waiting for right now?

Use it to fill in the blanks of the prayer below, then unscramble the words. When you have the prayer written, pray it out loud.

In many ways, silent prayer takes patience. It means instead of filling the space with a lot of your words, you're sitting quietly, perhaps thinking prayers to God, or maybe just listening to see what He might have to say to you.

**"Dear God,** You know that I am waiting on \_\_\_\_\_, and I do pray that You would \_\_\_\_\_. I want to celebrate You and what You've done in my life. I thank You for \_\_\_\_\_ (LNIVGO) me and for sending Jesus to be my \_\_\_\_\_ (AOSVIR). I am excited about one day living with You in \_\_\_\_\_ (EVEANH) where we will \_\_\_\_\_ (ETBEACLER) forever! In Jesus' Name, **amen.**"

Answers: Loving, Savior, Heaven, Celebrate

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### 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, NIV

### Week Four

Matthew 21:1-11  
Palm Sunday

### Ask This

What are you waiting for right now?

### Do This



### Drive Time

There can be a lot of waiting during drive time. Waiting in traffic, take out line, practices, and so much more! Why not celebrate while you wait by singing the song from this month. Head over to [studio252.tv](http://studio252.tv) to listen.



**Create a rhythm  
in your home  
that leverages  
routine times to  
influence your  
child every week.**

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