



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

Simeon Waits for  
the Messiah  
Luke 2:25-35

#### Key Question

When is it hard to  
have patience?

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

## Activity

### Hold It!

#### What You Need:

Paper plate (or sheet of paper cut into a circle) and a marker

#### What You Do:

Ask your child to draw Simeon's face on one side of a paper plate, showing his expression as he waited for the Messiah to come. On the other side of the plate, tell them to draw what they think Simeon's expression looked like when he saw little Jesus for the first time.

Challenge your child to hold their paper plate straight out in front of them, with the "waiting face" toward you, as you read Luke 2:25-35 out loud. When they hear something in the story that is evidence that God was with Simeon as he waited for the Savior, they should wave their plate but not lower their arms. Then, when Simeon sees Jesus for the first time, they should flip their plate so that the "reaction face" is toward you.

Tell your child that they can lower their arms when they hear you say "THE END" after you finish reading the passage. Ask, "When your arms started to get tired and you wanted to put your plate down, what helped you hang in there?"



## Talk About the Bible Story

Who was already waiting for Jesus when Mary and Joseph left for Jerusalem? (*Simeon*)

What promise did God give Simeon? (*that Simeon would see the Messiah before he died*)

How long did Simeon have to wait to meet the Messiah? (*We don't know the exact answer, but it was a long time.*)

How do you think Simeon was able to show such great patience? (*Let your child answer with their own ideas. Prompt them if you need to by asking, "How did he know for sure that he would see the Messiah?" or, "What did he know was coming his way?"*)

In a frustrating situation, how can you tell when you're about to lose your patience?

What can you do to avoid losing your cool when it's not easy to be patient, or when waiting feels like forever?

*Parents, share a situation you experience regularly where you have a hard time waiting.*

## Prayer

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

"God, we've learned a lot about patience today. Now it's time to put what we've learned into practice. Give us the strength to wait the way Simeon did, and to know that You are always with us. We know that to have patience, we also need to have faith. So help us trust You as we wait. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."



## Day 1

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. You learned: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. You'd like to know: \_\_\_\_\_

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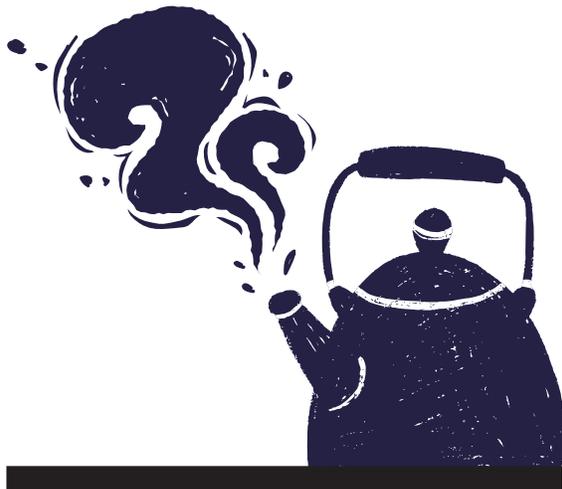


# Day 4

**When you have to wait, remember God is with you.**

“Remember God is with you” sounds simple, but it’s easy to forget. One of the best ways to practice this is by intentionally noticing all the ways God is with you. In Simeon’s case, he had the Holy Spirit speaking to him and leading him, and he was able to hold the very Son of God in his arms.

There are ways that God is with you too! Find someone who also trusts Jesus—it could be a parent, small group leader, a friend or sibling. Share with each other the ways that you see God is with you—and the ways that you see God at work in each other’s lives as well. Think about everything from the small (He created chocolate!) to the big (He sent Jesus to save you!), and get specific. As you talk, take some notes about what you discover together and save the notes for tomorrow.



# Day 5

**When is it hard to have patience?**

Make a list below of when it’s hard for you to have patience.

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Now, take a look at the list you made yesterday of the ways you know God is with you. Match those truths up with each situation you listed above. If you don’t have an exact match, it’s okay—it’s not always obvious, but it is always true that God is with you!

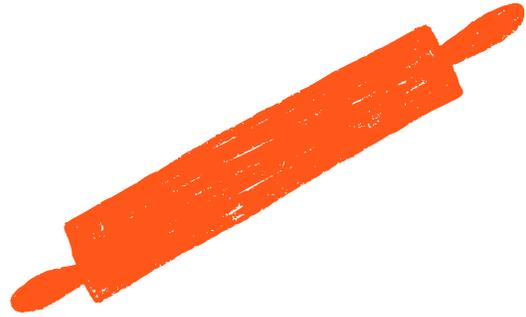
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### Read Luke 2:25-28

As you read Luke 2:25-28, circle all the places that indicate that God was with Simeon. (Remember, God's Son and the Holy Spirit are also God!)

When Simeon finally gets to hold the Son of God in his arms, read what he said: *Now let me, your servant, go in peace. That is what you promised, (NIrV).* Simeon had been waiting for this moment, and now it was here. But—look at all the circles you drew—while he waited, he was never alone.



## Day 3

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**When you read Luke 2:25-35, it becomes obvious that Simeon had a deep relationship with God.**

God speaks to Simeon through the Holy Spirit, and then when Simeon meets Jesus, his first response is to praise Jesus. They have an ongoing conversation.

That's all prayer is: talking to God, and listening to what He has to say! Sometimes we make it complicated, but it's really just a conversation with God.

What is something you're currently waiting on? Take a minute to think about it, and then fill in the blanks on this prayer before using it to start a conversation with God. He loves to talk with you!

**"Dear God,** thank You for always being with me. As You know, right now I am having a hard time waiting for \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. It's hard because \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_. Please help me to be patient, and to remember that You are with me even while I'm waiting. In Jesus' Name, I pray, **amen.**"

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# Preteen

WEEKLY CUES

YOU GOT  
THIS!

## Theme

# Bake Off: It's Worth the Wait

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for what you want now.



## REMEMBER THIS

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strong and don’t lose hope.  
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## Week One

Luke 2:25–35

Simeon Waits for the Messiah

## Ask This

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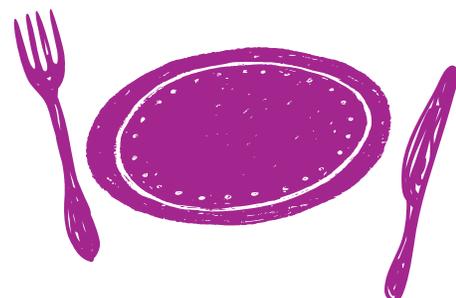
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## Do This



## Morning Time

**R**emind your child that while they wait for something today, God is with them. Tell them to pay attention to all the times they wait during the day and encourage them to say a little prayer during that time. It could be a prayer for someone else or for themselves to have patience. Either way, it will be time well spent!



**“A person’s  
undivided attention  
is one of the rarest  
gifts in our culture.  
Give it to your kids as  
often as you can.”**

**—Carey Nieuwhof**

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