

Patience means waiting until later for what you want now.

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Read Lamentations 3:25

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Celebrate It!

This month you have been learning about patience and how hard it can be to wait for something. Take a minute to think about what you are waiting for right now. Once you think of something, draw a picture of it. Maybe it's a special day, spring break, or someone that is coming to visit you soon. Now, think about how you can celebrate this while you're waiting for it to happen? Maybe you can create a countdown calendar on the back of your picture. Or you could call that special person each week until they come visit.

Remember to celebrate while you wait!

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I'm Puzzled

Ask an adult to help you find a puzzle that your whole family can work on together. A puzzle is a great way for everyone to practice patience. While you are working on putting it together, celebrate each piece that you connect with a big, yay! That's exactly what God wants us to do when we are waiting. Instead of focusing on how long things are taking to go the way you want, refocus on Him.

Ask God to help you focus while you wait!

You can celebrate even when you're waiting.

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Good Things

Have you ever heard the phrase, "good things come to those that wait?" Ask an adult to help you look up Lamentations 3:25. The Lord is good to those that wait for Him. That means He has good things in store for us if we can just wait! Let's pray and ask for His help!

Dear God,

Thanks for showing me how to be patient. I ask that you will help me focus on you and the good things that you have for me. Let me learn to celebrate while I wait. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Shake and celebrate

Let's show how much patience you have by making your very own ice cream! Ask an adult to add the following items to the shopping list: 1 Tbsp sugar, ½ cup milk or half & half, ¼ tsp vanilla, rock salt, ice, pint-sized resealable plastic bag, and quart-size resealable plastic bag. When you are ready with the ingredients follow the next steps. Put the sugar, milk, and vanilla in the pint bag and seal it very well. Put the ice, rock salt, and sealed bag of ingredients in the larger resealable bag. Note to adult: let your "patience maestro" (or child) rock, shake, roll, and toss his/her bag gently for about five minutes until a soft ice cream forms. Be sure to celebrate while you wait for your ice cream! Open the larger bags, remove the smaller bags, and enjoy.

Thank God and celebrate while you wait!

PARENT CUE



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DAY 1

Read Psalm 33:20-22

When a warrior goes into battle, he wears protective gear to keep him safe. Shields are used to ward off arrows and sword blows. God is like a shield, keeping you safe. No matter what happens, no matter what you're waiting for, you can always put your hope in God. You can trust Him because He is holy. And nothing, not even your impatience, can separate you from His love.

Grab a piece of paper and draw the outline of a shield. Write out the words of today's verse on the front of your shield, writing in your name as indicated in the example below. You can celebrate the truth that God is holy, He is faithful, He is with you and He loves you even as you wait!

"(Your name) waits in hope for the Lord. He helps (Your name). He is like a shield that keeps me safe. My heart is full of joy because of Him. (Your name) trusts in Him, because He is holy. Lord, may your faithful love be with me. I put my hope in you."
Psalm 33:20-22



DAY 2

Read Galatians 6:9

Waiting for cookies to come out of the oven. Advancing to the next level of your favorite video game. Acing a test you studied hard for.

In each of these examples, it would be easy to be impatient or give up. But what happens if you pull the cookies out of the oven before the timer goes off? What happens if you get so frustrated that you throw your video controller across the room? What if you decide not to look over your notes the night before the test?

Everyone gets tired of practicing patience. But that's when it's most important to keep going. And there is some really good news. You can ask God for help, always. So, the next time you find yourself becoming weary, remember what you're working toward. Just like a farmer can harvest a big healthy crop after months of hard work, patience pays off!

Did you know you can turn that weariness you feel into praise and celebration? It's true. The next time you find yourself working hard towards a goal, stop and sing your favorite worship song. Think about a time when you worked hard before and it paid off. **Thank God for his faithfulness to help you then and now. Because you can celebrate even when you're waiting.**

DAY 3

Read Psalm 5:3

You know how it feels when you're lying in bed the night before the first day of school? It's a mix of being excited and maybe a little bit nervous! That expectation or anticipation you're feeling can make it hard to go to sleep sometimes. Maybe you toss and turn and think about all the possibilities.

What if I don't like my teacher?

Who will I sit by?

Will this year be harder than last year?

There is someone who already knows the answers to all these questions. Your heavenly Father sees tomorrow (and that first day of school) as clearly as you see the words on the page you're reading right now. And you can trust Him, even when it feels like a swarm of butterflies have found a home inside your tummy!

That's why it's a great idea to do what this verse suggests. Each morning, we should pray and thank God for the day ahead and celebrate the truth that He is with us and He loves us! **Write out this verse on a card and stick it the box of your favorite cereal or other breakfast food. Read it each morning as a reminder to trust God and have patience no matter what comes your way.**

DAY 4

Read Romans 8:25

What are some things you wish you could do right now that you have to wait for? (*Ideas: stay up later; stay home by myself; drive*)

Make your own "Can't Wait!" list in the space below.

All those things you "can't wait" for will come soon enough. In the meantime, you get to choose how you wait! You can choose impatience and frustration. You can choose to whine and complain. Or you can choose to celebrate! You can thank God for the anticipation, for the waiting, knowing that one day, you'll appreciate it even more because you didn't get it right away.

To help with the waiting, think for a minute about all the things that make being a kid so awesome. **Spend some time celebrating and thanking God for where you are right now. And thank Him that He will be with you always, even while you wait!**

You can celebrate even when you're waiting.

Journal

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

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR RIGHT NOW?



Download the free Parent Cue App
AVAILABLE FOR IOS AND ANDROID DEVICES

4th-5th

Week 4



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: _____

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 _____ (LNVGO) 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.**"

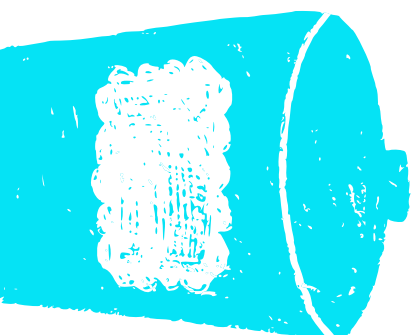
Answers: Loving, Savior, Heaven, Celebrate

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!