

Patience is waiting until later for what you want now.

Read: Psalm 27:14

DAY

1

Hide and Seek

Play a game of hide and seek. During your time of hiding, take the time to quietly pray while waiting to be found. Use this time to talk to God about things you need patience with, what you are waiting for, and for those around you.

LOOK for quiet moments to talk to God.

DAY

2

Tick-Tock

Draw an old fashioned face clock (the one with the hands). Around the clock, write this week's bottom line: "God is with you while you wait." Hang this up somewhere you can use the reminder that God is with you in the waiting.

ASK God to remind you that you are never alone.

DAY

3

Hope in God

Psalm 27:14 talks about putting hope in God. Read this week's verse and come up with motions to help you remember the verse. Share the verse with a friend.

KNOW that you can put your hope and trust in God.

DAY

4

With You Always

God is always with you, even in the times of waiting. Thank God for being with you in the times of waiting. You can pray your own prayer or something like this:

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"Dear God, thank You for waiting with me.

Please help me grow in patience after all I have learned this month. Please give me patience when I need to wait and help me to remember that I can trust in Your timing. Thank You for all You do to help me. Amen."

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THANK God for waiting with you.

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while you wait.

**GOD, HELP
ME WHILE
I WAIT.**



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DAY 1

Read Philippians 4:6

Have you ever been really worried about something? Sometimes when we worry, we want to try to rush ahead and fix things on our own. We can become impatient, which just leads to more and more worry.

One BIG thing to remember when you become worried is that God is with you while you wait. No problem is too big or too small for God. God wants to turn our worry into trust—believing that when we tell God our worries, God will answer us. The answer might not come immediately. It might require some patience and waiting on our end. But even in the waiting, God is in control.

Name something you're worried about right now. Tell God about it. Ask God to show you what to do in this situation. Then thank God for listening.

DAY 2

Read Lamentations 3:25

Do you ever look at the people around you and think, “Well, he’s impatient with me! Why should I be patient with him?” If you look to others around you for examples of patience, you may end up pretty disappointed. But there is someone who is always patient, no matter what.

There’s no one better at showing patience than God. Every time you mess up, every time you do something you’re not supposed to do, God is willing to forgive you. We can always count on God to be good and patient, especially when we choose to follow God.

The next time you find yourself in a situation that requires extra patience, stop and ask God to help you! Then thank God for always being patient with you.



Patience Jar Checkup

How is your family doing with the patience jar challenge? Spend some time praying together as a family at bedtime. Name some ways God is patient with you and ask God to help you show patience with one another.

DAY 3

Read Psalm 27:14

Waiting takes strength. It takes self-control. It takes patience.

If want to be strong, you have to learn to have patience. You have to decide that what you're waiting for is worth it! And you have to trust that at the right time, God will provide everything that you need. God loves you more than anyone or anything. And God can help you stay strong and show real patience while you wait.

Patience Work Out

Try some strength training exercises as you learn this verse. Write out each word of the verse on an index card. Place the cards a foot apart and jump from one card to the next, saying the words of the verse over and over. How many times can you jump and say the verse without stopping? Five times? Seven times? See if you can jump and say the verse ten times in a row!

DAY 4

Read Micah 7:7

When will it be my turn? What do you mean I have to wait till I'm older? How come he gets to do it just because he's bigger?

When you think you can't wait, it's important to remember who is really in charge. God made you. God loves you and doesn't want you to miss any part of growing up. If you could do everything you wanted to RIGHT now, there wouldn't be much of anything worth waiting for. Growing and learning and waiting are all part of God's plan for each of us.

Make a List

What are some things you can be thankful for in your life RIGHT now? Make a list of the things that make being a kid pretty awesome. Ask God to help you enjoy where you are right now instead of being impatient about what you think you can't wait for.

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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?

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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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Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.
Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

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

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Day 2

Read Luke 2:25-32

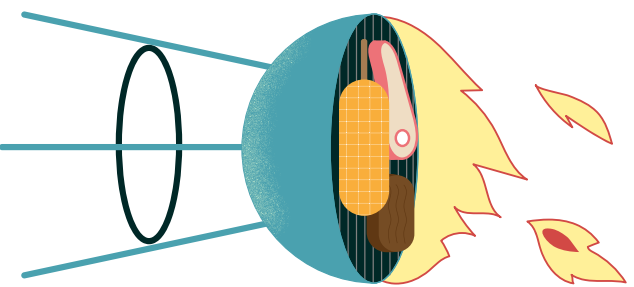
As you read Luke 2:25-32, put a star by each name for God that is mentioned.

How many stars did you draw?

Depending on what translation you read and whether you included pronouns, the number will vary, but you probably got somewhere around 8-10.

There is no doubt that God was with Simeon, is there?

And because Simeon realized God was with him, he recognized who Jesus was right away! He wasn't alone in his waiting, and he knew when the waiting was coming to a close—all because God was with him.



Day 3

The Holy Spirit led Simeon to the temple, then to the temple courtyard and then to Jesus Himself.

But Simeon also had to be paying attention to the Spirit and what God wanted him to do.

Paying attention and staying connected to God through prayer can both help us wait and help us recognize when our waiting is done!

Take some time to connect to God right now. You can walk around as you pray, thinking of Simeon as he walked into the temple. You can find a special spot in your house where you feel closest to God. You could also pray from the place where you find waiting to be the hardest.

Wherever you're praying from, include these things as you pray:

Thank and praise God for making you and for walking with you through life, especially as you wait.

Share with God what you are waiting for right now—or what you sometimes struggle with waiting for.

Ask God to give you the strength to wait until later for what you want now.

Look for God to answer your prayers—perhaps through ways you don't expect!

Day 4

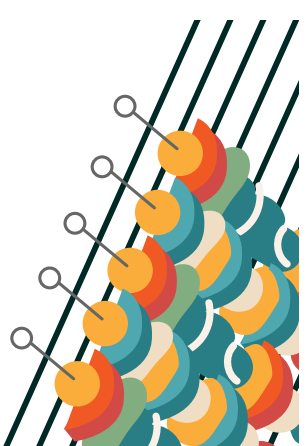
God is with you while you wait.

Go find an adult who has been following God for a long time. Bring some candy or other treat, but don't eat it yet.

Ask them about a time they had to wait a long time but they knew God was with them. Then follow up with these questions:

- 1) How did you know God was with you?
- 2) How did knowing God was with you help you wait?
- 3) How did your waiting end? Did you get what you wanted/needed?

After you are done asking them questions, you can share the treat you brought with them. Was it hard to wait until you were done asking questions to enjoy the treat? Even if it was, imagine how much more you're enjoying the treat now since you can really focus on it!



Day 5

What are you waiting for right now?

Try to answer as many of these questions as you can:

1. What is something fun you are waiting for right now?

2. What is something you need that you are waiting for right now?

3. What is something you are nervous about that you are waiting for?

4. What is something you want that you are waiting for right now?

Now, go back and circle the numbers of the situations where God is with you.

Did you circle them all? You should have! Because God is with while you wait for something good or bad... something exciting or scary... something you need or something you want... God is **always** there!