

# Patience is waiting until later for what you want now.

Read: Romans 8:25

DAY

1

## Patiently Creating

With a friend or someone in your family, work together on coloring a picture. Take turns coloring the page to completion. Exercise your patience while waiting for your turn. Think of things you can do while you wait, and do them!

**KNOW** that waiting brings more chances for other ideas!

DAY

2

## Mother May I?

Play *Mother May I?* Use patience as you work and wait to get to stand by "Mother."

**LOOK** for ways to use patience with others.

DAY

3

## As We Wait

Fill in the blanks below from the word box:

hope    patient    yet

We ..... for what we don't have .....

So we are ..... as we wait for it.

**ASK** God to help you as you wait.

DAY

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## Waiting is Wise

Waiting is wise, but it is hard. Praying is a way that you can talk about what you are waiting for with God. You can pray something like this:

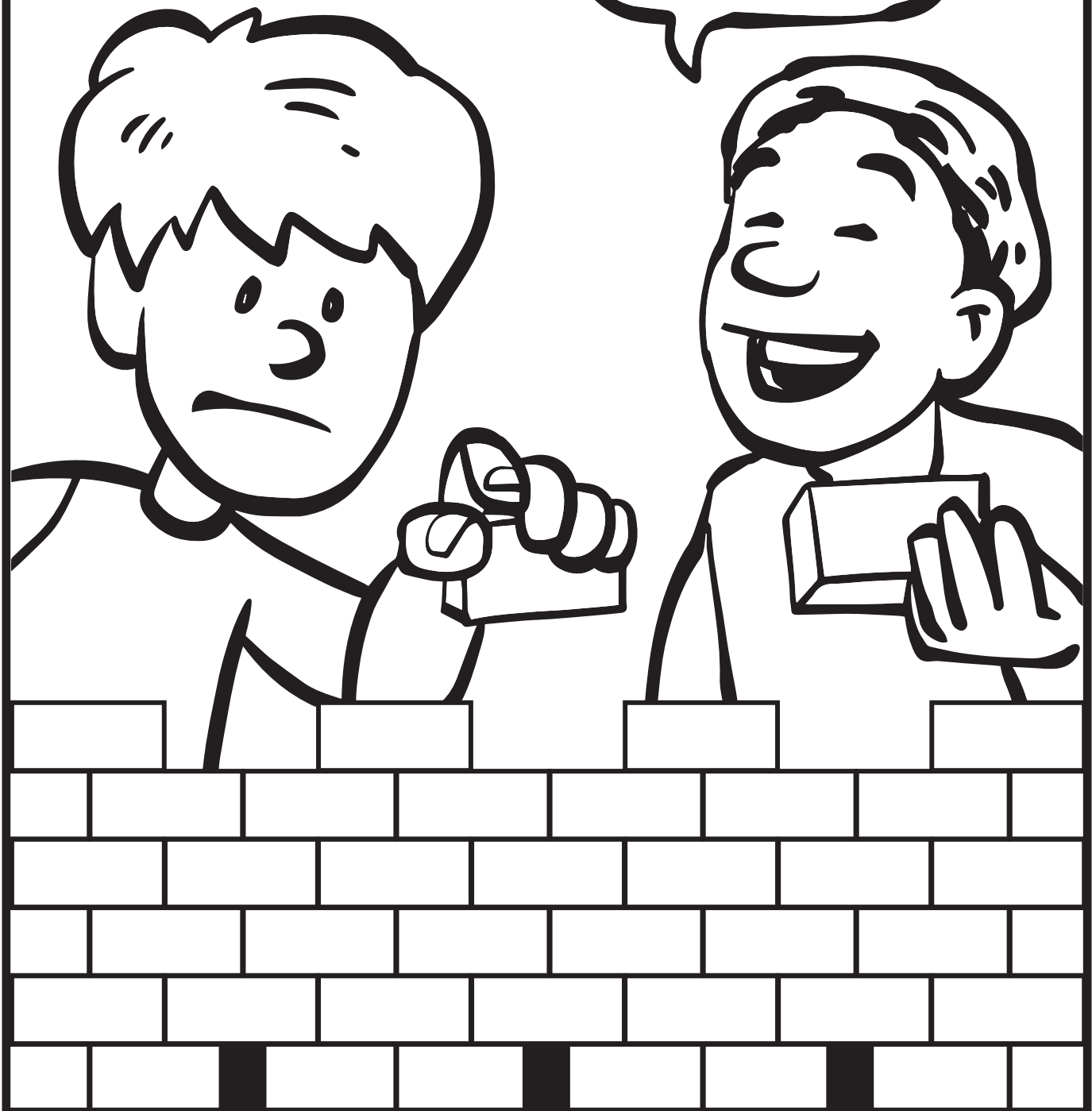
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"God, I am really trying to be patient as I wait. I feel like I am waiting forever. Please help me see what I DO have while I wait for what I DON'T have. Help me to have patience while I wait for. . . (finish with something you are waiting for). Amen."  
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**THANK** God for being someone to talk to when you need patience.

Waiting can  
make you wise.

**WAITING FOR THIS  
TO GET TALLER  
SURE IS HARD!**

**LET'S  
DO THIS!**



# Patience is waiting until later for what you want now.

## DAY 1

### Read Proverbs 14:29

Patience is waiting until later for what you want now.

Waiting is hard! When you get frustrated and respond in anger, you show how foolish you are. But the opposite is true too. You will become more wise when you choose to be patient.

### Rest in Peace

Find the missing words in the word search below and add them to today's verse.

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"..... who is ..... has great  
..... But anyone who gets .....  
..... how..... they are."

Proverbs 14:29

Answer key: Anyone, patient, understanding, angry, quickly,  
shows, foolish

## DAY 2

### Read Ephesians 4:2

Patience is hard. But no one expects you to have it without any help. When you become a follower of Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit as your helper. When you need encouragement, or to be reminded of what's true, that still small voice you hear is God's Spirit guiding you to act in the way God would.

Read the scenarios below. How could you "put up with one another" with patience?

*Your mom told you to get in the car so you'll be ready to go, but you've been in your seat waiting for at least five minutes and, so far, your mom is still in the house.*

*Your best friend promised she'd return your favorite sweater days ago, but you still don't have it back.*

*Your dad promised he'd play ball with you, but he's still on a phone call with work.*

DAY 3

### Read Romans 12:12

When do you pray? Is it only before meals and bedtime? Do you ever stop in the middle of your day at school and ask God for help? Talking to God doesn't mean you have to bow your head and close your eyes. Praying can be as simple as saying something to God in your own head. No one around you even has to know you're praying!

God always hears you. God LOVES you. And God is patiently waiting to talk with you through prayer.

Today at school, think about praying to God when you face a situation you're unsure about. Make it a goal to pray throughout the day. At the end of the day, think about your prayer time. Did it help? Were you more patient? Were you less worried? How did talking to God make a difference today?

DAY 4

### Read Ecclesiastes 7:8

No one likes to be told to wait. And no one waits with perfect patience all the time. Waiting until later for what you want now doesn't come naturally. If you want it right now, well, you want it RIGHT NOW!

This verse reminds us that waiting is the better choice because the end of something is better than the beginning. In other words, waiting patiently for something means we can enjoy it more, later on. Like Christmas. Or birthdays. Or vacations. Or a whole list of other things you think you can't wait for.

#### Paper Chain Waiting

Think of an event that's coming up in the near future. Grab a calendar and figure out how many days there are between today and your big event. Make a paper chain to count down the days. Take a chain off each day leading up to your big event to bring excitement to the waiting for all that future fun!

**Waiting can  
make you wise.**

Journal

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

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is it hard  
to have  
patience?

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Week One  
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Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

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Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

2. You learned:

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Download it for free at [parentcue.org/app](http://parentcue.org/app).

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

3. You'd like to know:

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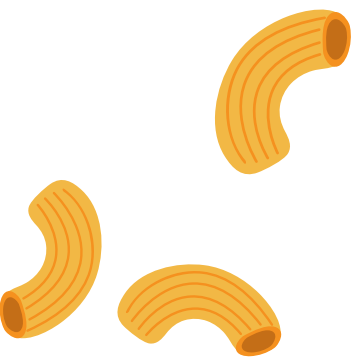
## Day 2

### Read Proverbs 14:29

Get a sheet of paper and a pencil. At the top, write out Proverbs 14:29. Using an electronic device, go to an online thesaurus and look up the words *patient*, *understanding*, *angry*, and *foolish*.

Write three different versions of the verse. For example: Anyone who is **long-suffering** has great sense. But anyone who gets **irate** quickly shows how **unwise** they are.

Circle the version of the verse that makes the most sense to you.



## Day 4

### Find a parent or another trusted adult who follows God.

Ask them about a time they waited for something and as a result, they gained wisdom. If they can't think of anything, then ask them the opposite—was there a time they didn't have patience and now they see the foolishness of that decision? Talk with each other about wise versus foolish decisions and why you want to make wise choices even if that sometimes means waiting until later for what you want now.

Sometimes certain situations or certain people make it especially hard for us to be patient.

Fill in the blanks of the prayer below, using the words from your favorite “translation” from yesterday, as well as an example from your life where it's hard for you to be patient (or a person you find it hard to be patient with).



**Dear God,** I want to be a person who is \_\_\_\_\_, But sometimes it's hard and I find myself getting \_\_\_\_\_ quickly, especially when it comes to (personal example) \_\_\_\_\_ I don't want to be a \_\_\_\_\_ person, so please help me learn to wait until later for what I want now. In Jesus' Name, I pray. **Amen.**

## Day 5



### Day 5

#### Why is it important to make peace?

When do you personally find it the hardest to have patience? Circle one answer per section.

#### 1. State of Being

Hungry  
Tired  
Frustrated  
Running late

#### 2. Feeling

dreading  
excited about  
worried about  
annoyed by

#### 3. Person

My sibling(s)  
My caregiver  
My teacher  
My teammates



The next time you find yourself tempted to lose patience, ask yourself:

■ “Am I \_\_\_\_\_?”

(word from the first group)

■ “Is there something I am \_\_\_\_\_?”

(word from the second group)

■ “Is it because I'm dealing with \_\_\_\_\_?”

(word from the third group)

Once you've identified your trigger(s), you can ask God for help as well as taking some practical steps to avoid those triggers next time (e.g., Have a snack, leave earlier, pray for peace, do something kind for the person who is annoying you, etc.)