



MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW:

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN PATIENCE AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

Waiting is a part of life. Thankfully, we don't have to wait on our own. Through the Holy Spirit, God can help us experience the patience we need to wait well. After all, God is patient with us. God is in control and knows what's best for us. Even though God's people had been waiting for years for the promised Savior, at just the right time, God sent Jesus. Because we're created in God's image, we can reflect God's patience in our lives. We can be patient when we remember what God has done. We can lean on God's Holy Spirit to give us the strength we need to trust God and show patience with the difficult circumstances in our lives.

WEEK ONE

BIBLE STORY
A Patience Proverb
Proverbs 14:29

BOTTOM LINE
Waiting can make you wise.

WEEK TWO

BIBLE STORY
Esau's Impatience
Genesis 25:24-34

BOTTOM LINE
When you think you can't wait, think twice.

WEEK THREE

BIBLE STORY
Golden Calf
Exodus 32:1-35

BOTTOM LINE
When you have to wait, remember what's true.

WEEK FOUR

BIBLE STORY
Simeon Waits for the Messiah
Luke 2:25-35

BOTTOM LINE
God is with you while you wait.

MEMORY VERSE

"WAIT FOR THE LORD. BE STRONG AND DON'T LOSE HOPE. WAIT FOR THE LORD."

PSALM 27:14, NIRV

**Cookout -It's Worth the Wait
Lower Elementary**

Week 1

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Memory Verse

"Wait for the Lord, Be strong and don't lose hope, wait for the Lord."

Psalm 27:14

Bible Truth

A Patience Proverb (Proverbs 14:29)

Bottom Line

Waiting can make you wise

Small Group

Patient People Puppets

NOTES:

- All **yellow highlighted text** are cues for visual and audio slides.
- The text in **red** indicates stage directions.

Cookout -Week 1 Teaching Outline:

Start at 15 after (if service is expected to be about an hour)

1. Intro: Welcome kids, get them excited.
2. Worship
3. Room Expectations
4. FATW: One Child
5. Intro: Cookout -It's Worth the Wait
6. Bible Lesson Video
7. Application
 - Weekly Bottom Line: Waiting can make you wise.
 - Memory Verse: "Wait for the Lord, Be strong and don't lose hope, wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14
 - Prayer

Lesson Total: 30 minutes

8. Small Groups: 15 minutes

End on the hour



WELCOME 3 minutes

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatiron Kids! I'm so excited to see you here today! We are going to worship God together. Let's stand up on our feet and worship. (Welcome kids).

WORSHIP 6-7 minutes

(Encourage kids to worship God through song and dance. Play worship songs).

Show Worship Song: Big House

Show Worship Song: Wanna Be

ROOM RULES

Show Graphic: Elementary Room Expectations

We want to have all the fun here at Flatiron Kids Ministry! We have a few things that we like to commit to make sure everybody has a good time.

Flatiron Kids Are:

Respectful: We respect everyone and take care of the room and toys we have.

Kind: We treat each other kindly, just like we want to be treated; we go out of our way to be kind to others in the room.

Focused: We listen and follow the leaders in the room and teacher in each activity.

Accountable: None of us are perfect; we will all make mistakes, but we will try our best and choose to change our actions when needed.

Show Graphic: Friends Around the World -One Child

We have friends here in the room, in our schools, and in our neighborhoods, but did you know that we have friends all over the world?



Here at Flatirons, we do this really cool thing called Friends Around the World. Every month, we learn more about our friends in different places so we can pray for them and give our money to help them with the things they need. Those are both ways to show we love them!

This month, we're learning about our friends at One Child. One Child asked if we could raise money to help the boys and girls buy school supplies and help them purchase windows for their classroom. When you bring in money to give to our Friends Around the World, you're helping kids on the other side of the world be able to go to school and have school supplies.

If you brought money this week, bring it up now and put it in our Friends Around the World container. (Collect offering).

Show Song: Friends Around the World- One Child

Thank you so much for taking care of our friends! Another way we can help our friends is by praying for them. This week, see if you can remember to pray with your family for our friends at One Child.

INTRO 1 minute

Show Series Graphic: COOKOUT-It's Worth the Wait

Today we're in the book of Proverbs (hold up Bible), which is a collection of wise sayings. Many of these sayings come from King Solomon. One thing you should know about Solomon is that he became king at a very young age. He was worried about leading an entire nation with so little experience. One night, God spoke in a dream and told Solomon that he could have ANY gift he wanted. Solomon asked God for wisdom so he could be the best leader for his people. Sure enough, God made Solomon one of the wisest people who ever lived. Many of the things Solomon learned and said were written down here in the book of Proverbs, along with others. These sayings can help us understand how to make wise decisions in our lives today.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK1_StoryLab

APPLICATION 3 minutes



Show Graphic: WK1_Bottom Line

We can look to Jesus' example to see what it looks like to be patient with the people around us. Jesus was kind and compassionate as He taught people, healed people, and showed God's love everywhere He went.

Memory Verse:

Show Verse:

This month's Bible verse comes from the book of Psalms. It teaches us how we can be patient and trust in God even when we have to wait.

"Wait for the Lord, Be strong and don't lose hope, wait for the Lord." Psalm 27:14

PRAYER

Let's pray together!

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for giving us Your Spirit to help us. Help us to make wise choices, like being patient. We want to be people who choose to wait patiently, but sometimes that's super hard for us to do. Please give us the strength to choose patience so we can gain Your wisdom. We love You, and pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

In Small Group, you'll get to talk about how we can be patient and trust in God while we wait. **(Dismiss kids to their small groups).**

SMALL GROUPS

(Have kids sit down in a circle, in small groups, with volunteer leaders).

Show Timer: Small Group Countdown