



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 4

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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

Simeon Waits for the Messiah (Luke 2:25-35)

Bottom Line

God is with you while you wait

Small Group

Wait For It -Flower Pots

NOTES:

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

Cookout -Week 4 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: 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
 - 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. Today, let's use everything we have to praise God—our hands, our feet, our words, and our energy . . . but most of all, our hearts
(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's story comes from the book of Luke, in the Bible. (Hold up Bible.) The book of Luke is one of the four Gospels that tell the story of Jesus' life. Let's find out how another Bible character waits for what God promised him.

BIBLE TRUTH 10 minutes

Show Video: Video_WK4_StoryLab

APPLICATION 3 minutes

Show Graphic: WK4_Bottom Line

There might be things that you're waiting for right now. Or maybe you can think about a time when you had to wait for something in the past. But here's what I want you to remember: you never have to wait alone. Our bottom line reminds us of this. Can you say it with me? **God is with you while you wait.**



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. Waiting can be hard, but we can trust in God through the waiting!

"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 so much for the story of Simeon. Simeon trusted Your promise to send a Savior . . . and he waited patiently because, God, You were with him. We know that You can help us to be patient, just like You helped Simeon. You are with us always, and we can trust You no matter what. We are so thankful for that! We love You, and we 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