



# HOUSE PARTY

## PARENT GUIDE

### Life App Definition

Patience -- Waiting until later for what you want now.

### Main Idea

This week, we go to Genesis 25:24-34, where we find one of the best examples of what happens when you're not patient—the story of Esau. After a hunting trip, Esau was exhausted and hungry! And wouldn't you know, his brother Jacob had a pot of stew cooking on the fire. Jacob takes advantage of this situation and offers a bowl in exchange for Esau's inheritance. Turns out, Esau couldn't resist. He lost something extremely valuable all because he was impatient. We will face moments when we want to rush and take the first choice that comes our way, but that might not be God's best for us. We pray the kids will discover that when they wait, they can experience something even better than they can imagine.

### Memory Verse

Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord. Psalms 27:14 NIrV

### Bottom Line

If you don't wait, it could cost you.

### Small Group Discussion

**ICE BREAKER:** If you had a superhero ability, what would it be and why? Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson.

1. What were the names of Isaac and Rebecca's sons? **Esau and Jacob**
2. How were they different? **Esau was hairy with red hair. Esau was a hunter and liked to roam in the wilderness, but Jacob liked to stay close to home.**
3. Did Esau have a good hunting trip? **No, he didn't see any rabbits and tracked a deer for a long time and wasn't able to get it.**
4. How was Esau feeling when he came home? **He was tired and hungry.**
5. What did he smell when he came close to the camp? **Jacob's stew**
6. Did Jacob give his brother something to eat? What was the bargain? **He gave his brother some stew only after he gave him his rights as the oldest son.**
7. Did not being patient cost Esau something important?

So let's talk about making the choice to be patient when faced with different situations. We are going to play "Would you rather" and we have to decide which choice shows patience (bold choice is the correct choice).

1. Would you rather have: 800 pieces of your favorite candy now or **One piece every day for the rest of your life?**
2. Would you rather: **Save up your money for three years to get the video game system you've been dreaming of** or have your older brother sell his car so you can get a brand-new video game system right now
3. Would you rather have: A \$700 gift card to your favorite store today or **\$20 each month for the next five years**
4. Would you rather have to: **Wait on your teacher and get a whole 30 minutes to ask whatever you want** or Not wait and have her answer you now but only be able to talk for two minutes
5. Would you rather: Have your mom let you sleep over at your friend's house tonight or **have your mom answer no to tonight but yes to two weekends in a row**
6. Would you rather: Be able to eat your favorite dessert before dinner tonight or **eat dinner first but be able to eat dessert every night for the entire week?**
7. Would you rather: **Wait two more years for a pet but be able to keep your pet for a very long time** or Have a new pet come live with you tonight, but only for a year?
8. Would you rather: **Get the new shoes you've wanted so badly tomorrow or wait for two months and your entire family gets to pick out new shoes, too?**

Talk to the kids about the importance of being patient and how some choices can cost us. Give an example when being impatient may have cost you something or ask the kids to talk through times when they have consequences for not waiting.

Pray together that God will help us be patient and teach us how to always make the right choice.