



# KIDS HOUSE PARTY

## PARENT GUIDE

### Life App Definition

Patience — waiting until later for what you want now

### Main Idea

We kick off the month with a story found in Luke 2:25-35. God's people had been waiting for hundreds of years for the Savior. God promised Simeon that he'd get to see the Messiah before he died. We believe that Simeon waited a long time. But finally, when Mary and Joseph came to the temple with baby Jesus, Simeon saw what he'd been waiting for. Some situations that require waiting can be more difficult than others. We pray that kids will remember that they don't have to wait on their own. God is with them while they wait.

### Memory Verse

"Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord" (Psalm 27:14 NIRV).

### Bottom Line

When you have to wait, remember God is with you.

### Monthly Profession

The joy of the Lord is my strength.

### Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- Today's story was from the book of John in the Bible.
  - False (Luke)
- Jesus was born in a shelter with the animals.
  - True
- When Jesus was about six weeks old, Mary and Joseph prepared to present Him to God at the temple.
  - True
- A man named Travis was waiting for Mary and Joseph to arrive at the temple.
  - False (Simeon)
- The Holy Spirit promised Simeon that he would have a big house in heaven.
  - False (He promised Simeon that he would see Jesus before he died.)

- Simeon waited so long for God's promise that his hair turned white.
  - True
- One day the Lord told Simeon that he would see Jesus at the park down the road.
  - False (He told him he would see Jesus in the temple courtyard.)
- While Simeon was holding the baby, he saw the face of God in His eyes and knew this was the one he had been waiting to see.
  - True
- Would it have been easy for you to wait as long as Simeon did for a promise?
- Why is it hard to have patience when you are waiting for something?
- What is something that is really hard for you to have patience for?
- Why do you think God wants us to have patience?

## Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

### Supplies Needed

- "Prayer" activity page
- Pencil

### Activity

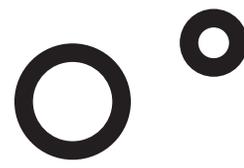
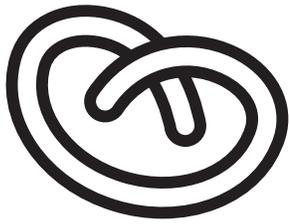
- Encourage your children to think back to how they remembered things when they were younger.
  - Remind them of how hard they worked to remember things like the ABCs, shapes, colors, and how to count to 20.
  - Point out that now that they know all those things, they can remember them easily because they practiced them over and over.
  - Remembering that God is with us when we wait is something that we can practice—just like we practiced until we learned our ABCs.
- Give each of your children a "Prayer" activity page and read it together.
- Let your children take a few minutes to think about what they would put in the blank, and have them write down one answer.
- Ask them to read the statement out loud, filling in the blank with their own example: "Dear God, when I have to wait for \_\_\_\_\_, help me remember that You are with me."
- Then you take a turn filling in the blank with something that is hard for you to wait for.
- You and your children can take turns filling in the blank with things that are hard for you to wait for.

## Prayer

Spend a few moments in prayer with your children. Thank God for being there with you while you wait, and ask Him to help you both be good examples for Him by practicing patience.

Dear God,

We are so thankful that You don't leave us alone while we wait. Even when we don't get the answers we hope for or when we wish our waiting didn't last so long, You are always with us! This week, as we meet people and experience times where we know we need patience, we ask that You help us show others what You are like through our waiting. May our actions show others that when we have to wait, we can remember God is with us. In Jesus' name, amen!

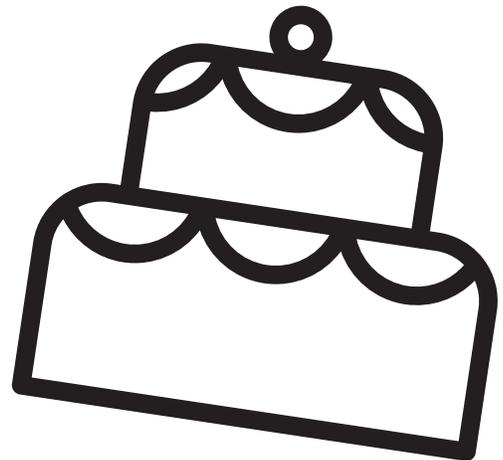
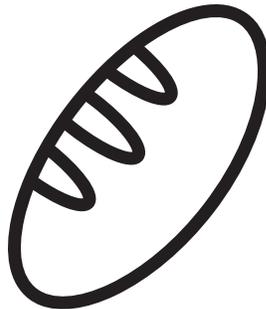
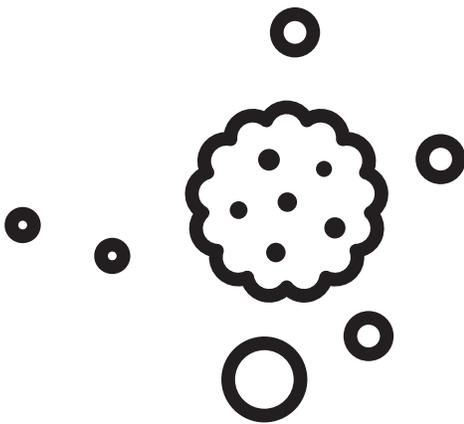


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**What to Do:**

Print one on cardstock for each small group.