



HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

Life App Definition

Patience — waiting until later for what you want now

Main Idea

In week two, Moses met with God on Mount Sinai. He left his brother, Aaron, and the rest of the Israelites in order to meet with God, and they were to wait for him. Rather than waiting patiently for Moses to return, however, the entire nation of Israel rebelled. They built a golden calf and began to worship it instead of worshipping God. Because of their lack of patience, God judged an entire nation. If only they had remembered how God rescued them from Egypt and trusted Him while they waited.

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 what's true.

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 Exodus in the Bible.
 - True
- God's people lived as slaves in Egypt for 10 years.
 - False (Hundreds of years)
- God led them to freedom in the jungle.
 - False (He led them into the wilderness.)
- God told Moses to tell the people that if they obeyed Him completely, He would make them His special treasure out of all the nations.
 - True

- God gave Moses some wooden tablets that contained the Law of Commandment He had written to teach them.
 - False (The tablets were made of stone.)
- Moses stayed on the mountain talking to God for 24 hours.
 - False (He stayed on the mountain for 40 days and 40 nights.)
- The Israelites grew tired of waiting and started complaining to Aaron.
 - True
- Aaron made an elephant out of gold and told the people this would be their God.
 - False (He made a calf.)
- When Moses came down and saw what the people had done, he threw the stone tablets to the ground.
 - True
- God helped His people over and over, but when they had to wait, they forgot about all that He had done for them and chose their own way.
 - True
- What could the Israelites have done when they started to have a hard time waiting?
- When is it hard for you to be patient?
- What are some things you believe to be true about God?
- What can you think about when you are having a hard time waiting?

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

- A set of "Green Light" and "Red Light" signs

Activity

- Instruct your children to stand on the opposite side of the room from you.
- Explain that you will play a special edition of "Red Light, Green Light, Freeze!"
- Instruct them that when you hold up the "Green Light" sign, they are to start dancing and moving toward you.
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- Explain that if they get caught moving on a red light, they have to go back to the beginning and share something about God that they know is true.
 - Here are some examples of things that are true about God:
 - God loves us.
 - He sent Jesus for us.
 - God always keeps His promises.
 - We can talk to God at any time.
 - We can trust God, no matter what.
 - God is always with us.
- Play until they reach you.
- After the game, ask your children, "What are some of the things we said are true about God?"

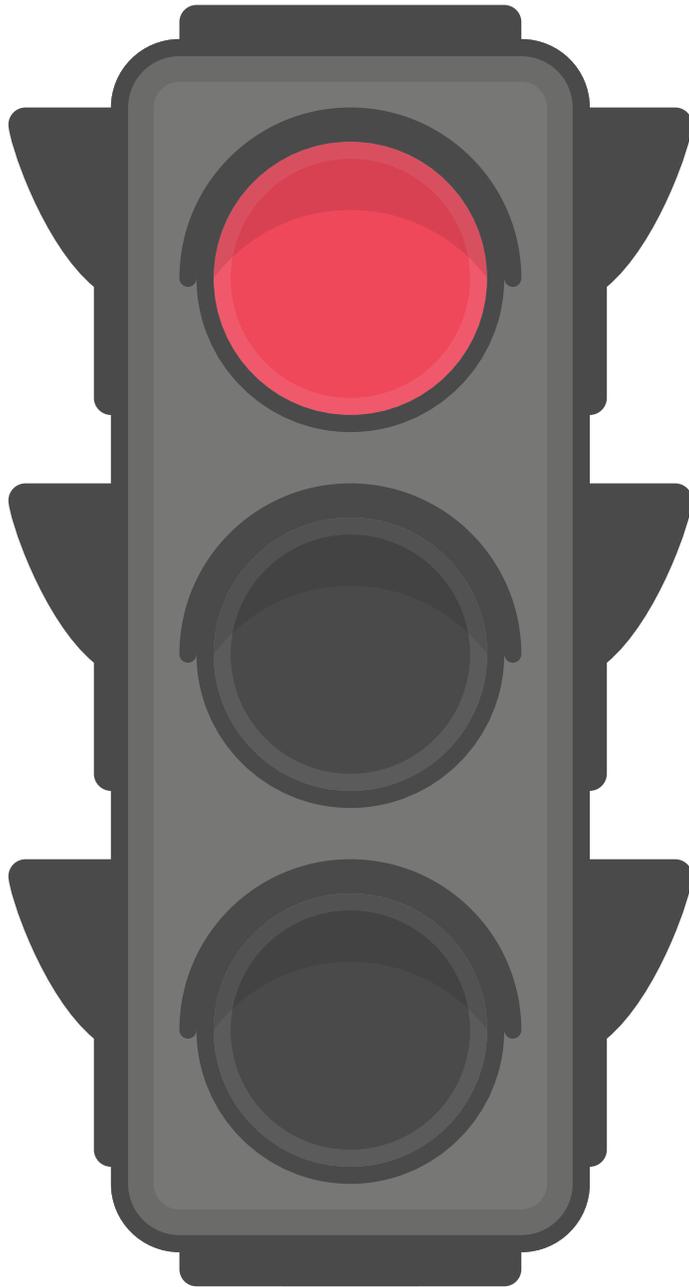
- Share with them that when we have to wait, we must remember what's true. It's not always easy to wait—and sometimes it might feel like God has forgotten about what we're waiting on—but that's why we need to focus on what's true.
- Remind them that when we remember what is true about God—that He loves us, that He always keeps His promises, that He is always with us—it will help us trust Him while we wait.

Prayer

Spend a few moments in prayer with your children. Thank God for teaching you to remember what is true when you have to wait.

Dear God,

We thank You for teaching us today that when we have to wait, we can remember what's true. Help us, this week, to focus on the truths we know each time we need to be patient. Thank You for helping us stay strong and trust in You while we wait. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen!



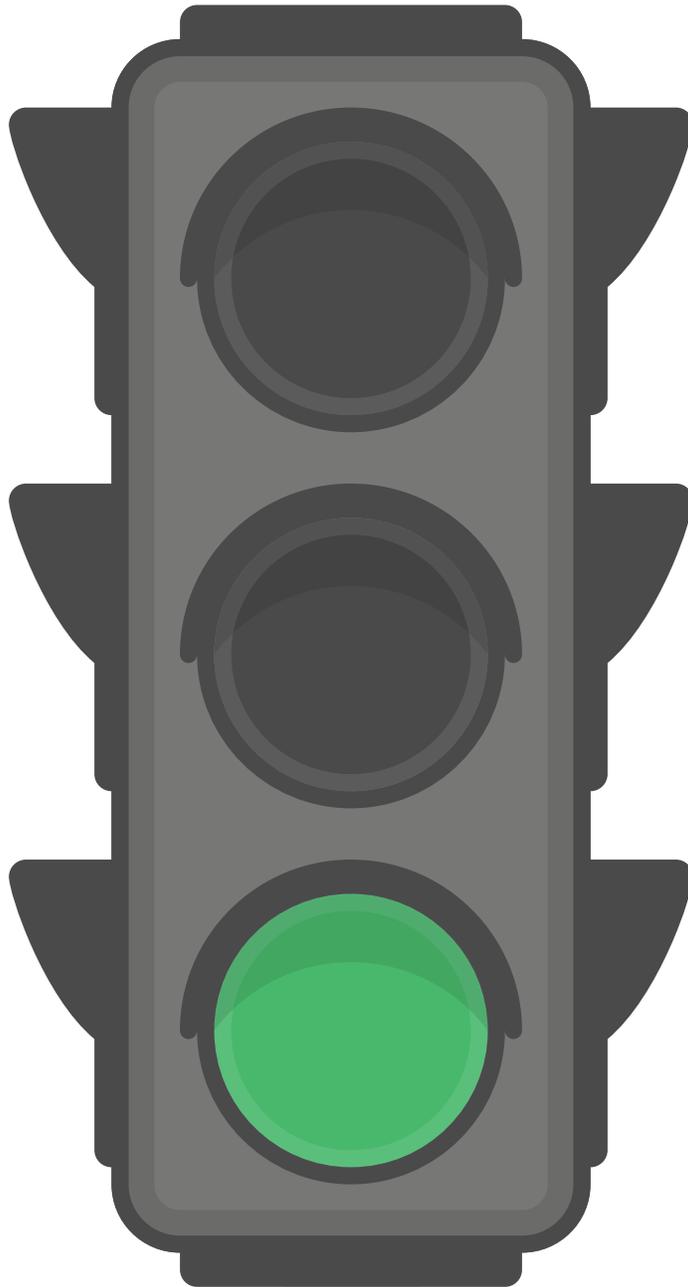
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What to Do:

Print on cardstock. Provide one set for each small group.

"Red Light, Green Light Signs" Activity Pages 1/2

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