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Engagement Questions

- What do you think it means to “wait for the LORD,” and how do you do that?
- How does knowing **waiting can make you wise** help you make wiser choices?
- What is one way you can show patience this week?

Faith and Character Activity

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Prayer

“Dear God, You showed Solomon that people who are patient show great understanding. This week, help us be patient and make wise choices. Help us wait well by taking deep breaths, helping and encouraging others, and above all, help us wait well by remembering what’s true. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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Morning Time

As your kid starts their day, tell them about a time when you saw them make a wise choice.



Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: "What is something you had to wait for? How did it feel while you were waiting? How did it feel after it happened?"



Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "What games did you play at recess today?"



Bed Time

Pray for each other: "God, thank You that even when it seems like nothing is happening with things we are waiting on, You are teaching us things we need to know and preparing us for whatever is next."

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- What are signs that you're about to lose your patience?
- When you think twice, what kind of outcome could you have instead?

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Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "What is something true about you? What is something not true?" (Give an example: You love baseball. You hate candy.)



Bed Time

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