



First, watch  
this week's  
video!

**Patience:**  
Waiting until  
later for what  
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### Memory Verse

Wait for the Lord.  
Be strong and  
don't lose hope.  
Wait for the Lord.  
Psalm 27:14, NIV

### Bible Story

Palm Sunday  
Matthew 21:1-11

### Bottom Line

You can celebrate  
even when  
you're waiting.

Use this guide to help your family learn how  
God can help us to be patient.

## Activity

### Celeb-Waiting

#### What You Need:

Two sheets of paper, green crayon or  
marker, writing utensil, scissors

#### What You Do:

Draw a palm branch on each sheet  
of paper—but don't color them in yet.  
(If you need to, search online for an  
image of a palm branch.)

Tell your child, "These are palm  
branches. On each leaf, let's write  
down different things we can celebrate  
every day." Fill in one branch yourself,  
and let your child fill in the other one.  
Provide some ideas if your child needs  
help (for example: health, family,  
friends, food, shelter, clean water,  
Jesus, etc.).

Say, "Let's color our palm branches and  
then cut them out." (If your child isn't  
proficient with scissors yet, you may  
have to help them with the cutting.)

Once you both have your palm  
branches cut out, spend a few minutes  
using them to make up a family dance.  
Play your favorite worship song or  
other fun, upbeat music.

Say, "Just like the people in our story, we  
always have something to celebrate—  
even when we're waiting. The next  
time we have to wait, let's remember  
our family celebration dance!"

## Talk About the Bible Story

What were the people waiting for in the story? (*for  
God to send them a Savior*)

Were the people in the story able to celebrate even  
though they were still waiting? (*Yes!*)

What are you waiting for right now?

What can you celebrate today, even as you wait?

*Parent: Talk about a time when you were able to  
celebrate while waiting. Talk about how much better  
the result was, because you were able to celebrate  
and be thankful for something while you had to wait.*



## Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about  
the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, waiting is not always fun. While we're waiting,  
being thankful is often the LAST thing on our minds.  
Help us to remember that there are always reasons to  
celebrate—even if we don't have what we want right  
now. Thank You for being patient with us. We love You.  
In Jesus' name, amen."



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### Key Question

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### Wait-and-See

#### What You Need:

Several sheets of paper, large book or pad to support the paper, writing utensil, several cookie cutters (or objects with a defined shape), bowl

#### What You Do:

Place all of the cookie cutters in the bowl. Give your child a piece of paper and something to draw with. Then, put the bowl in your lap and sit back-to-back with your child.

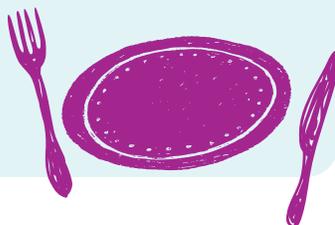
Say, "I'm going to close my eyes and pull out a cookie cutter. Neither one of us will be able to look at it, but I'll try to describe its shape to you while keeping my eyes closed. Based on my description, you'll draw it on the sheet of paper."

Complete the first round. (Remember, even if you know what the shape is, don't tell your child exactly what it is!) Compare the cookie cutter to the actual drawing. How close or far off were the two of you?

Now, switch roles so that you're the one drawing and your child is the one describing. (Remind them not to peek at the cookie cutter!)

Continue back and forth until you've described and drawn all the shapes of the cookie cutters.

After the game is over, ask, "When was it hardest to wait in the game we just played—when you were drawing and waiting to see if you were right? Or when you were describing and waiting to see what I had drawn?"



## Talk About the Bible Story

For hundreds of years, God's people had been waiting for the Messiah to come. What's the longest you've had to wait for something?

Why is it good to find something to celebrate while you're waiting and trying to be patient?

Name three things you can celebrate every day, no matter what.

When you're feeling impatient, the LAST thing you're probably thinking about is what you can celebrate or be grateful for. How could we change that and make it the FIRST thing we think about?

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