

City LG - April 14-15, 2018

Bible Story: Are We There Yet? (A Patience Proverb) • *Proverbs 14:29*

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, keep your cool.

Memory Verse: "Wait for the LORD. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the LORD!"
Psalms 27:14, NIV

WORSHIP: "Jesus is Alive Right Now" and "Praise Goes On"

"Hey City! Let's all stand up and sing some worship to Jesus today! This first song is a new one we learned last week, with a lot of fun dance moves. This month we celebrated Easter with our friends and family. We learned that Jesus came back to life, and that Jesus is Alive Right Now! Let's sing this new song together!"

"Great job everyone! Our next song is all about how the praises of God will go on and on forever! Let's sing!"

Begin Large Group...

"Hello, hello! I'm [your name] and I've got a question for you. I really want to know what you think. Do you think it's EASY to be patient, or do you think it's hard? Raise your hand if you think it's easy. *(Pause for response.)* Raise your hand if you think it can be hard. *(Pause for response.)*

"Yeah. It can be really difficult to be patient. The thing is, when we want something, we want it NOW. We don't want to wait.

"We know that we SHOULD wait. We know that's what God wants us to do. But have you ever thought about why? Why would God want us to be patient? Why would He want us to do the difficult thing and wait patiently even if we don't really feel like it?

"Check out this verse from Proverbs. *(Hold up Bible.)* Proverbs is full of great advice that helps us know what to do and why we should do it. This is Proverbs 14:29.

Open the Bible to Proverbs 14:29 and read.

"Anyone who is patient has great understanding. But anyone who gets angry quickly shows how foolish they are (NIV)."

"So patient people have great understanding. That's what our lesson is all about this week. Before we get into our Bible Story video today, it's time for Offering!"

Offering Time:

"Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else's life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God's love for them. And we can help make this happen, for as little as the cost of one candy bar a day! Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor
New Lenox: Daniel
Orland Park: Rose

CG: Picture of Child

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now while this video plays and place it here (*show offering container*)."

"Let's take a look at this week's Bible Story!"

CG: Week 3 Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:00)

"If you have to wait, don't get angry. Don't lose your temper. Keep your cool! Sometimes you might get so frustrated from waiting that you feel like you CAN'T keep it under control. In those moments, stop. Take a breath. Pray and ask God to help you.

"Check out our Bottom Line. This is something we ALL need to remember. Let's read it together.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "When you think you can't wait, keep your cool. Can you say that with me?"

KIDS: [Bottom Line] "When you think you can't wait, keep your cool."

"If we get angry too quickly, that's foolish. If we're patient, we have great understanding. That means we can make things better for ourselves and the people around us. I know I want to have great understanding! I'm so glad God gives us HIS understanding and helps us to be patient. Let's talk to Him right now."

Prayer: "God, thank You for teaching us about patience. We want to be patient friends. We want to be calm and keep our cool when we have to wait for what we want. Remind us of today's verse any time we feel like getting angry or frustrated while we wait. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen."

You all are the COOLEST. I know you'll have fun in Small Group talking about how to KEEP your cool. Have a great time!"

Dismiss children to their small group.