

City LG - April 21-22, 2018

Bible Story: Watch for Livestock (Golden Calf) • *Exodus 32:1-35*

Bottom Line: When you think you can't wait, think about what's true.

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

WORSHIP: Let's Get a Little Crazy and My Help Comes from You

"Hey City! Who's ready to worship? I'm so ready! Everyone stand up with us and let's get a little crazy for Jesus!"

Begin Large Group...

"Welcome to The City everyone! My name is (your name), and I am absolutely pumped up to be with you all today! So pumped up in fact, that I'd like to start off our time together with a game? Who wants to play a game? Great! First thing we need to do is all get together in one great big circle. We've been learning about patience all this month, and this game is really going to test our patience. Here's how to play..."

GAME: Wait for the LORD

What You Need: Worship Music, individually wrapped candy in different sized plastic bags

What You Do:

- Guide all your kids to sit in a circle.
- Play the worship music.
- Give one child the bag and direct her to begin passing it around the circle.
- When you stop the music, or say "Stop!", guide the child holding the bag to remove one plastic bag. Provide help as needed, but be sure to let kids do as much for themselves as possible.
- Begin the music again, cueing kids to resume passing the bag.
- Play continues until kids remove all the different sizes of plastic bags.
- Guide the final child to open the bag, there will be enough candy for their small group to share.
- Have the child give the candy bag to their small group leader, to be passed out at group time

What You Say:

"Was it hard to wait your turn to take away a bag? (*Pause.*) Was it hard to wait to get to the last bag with the candy? (*Pause.*)

"When it gets hard to wait and be patient, remember *Psalms 27:14: Wait for the LORD. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the LORD (NIV).* So **[Bottom Line]** when you think you can't wait, don't forget what's true: God is faithful, He loves you, and He always keeps His promises!"

CG: Psalms 27:14 JPEG

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“Great job everyone! Are you ready for an awesome, true story from the Bible (*hold up Bible*) about a group of people called the Israelites? Yeah! The Israelites were a special group of people, because God had picked them to be His chosen ones.”

“Now, the Israelites weren’t perfect people. They absolutely had some good times where they followed God, but they also had some bad times, too. Today, we pick up their story right after God had rescued them from being slaves in Egypt.

“God had done this huge miracle—He’d gotten them released from a terrible, horrible, no-good Pharaoh. And God had done some pretty amazing things to make that happen. All the Israelites had to do now was travel to the land God had promised them. God had given them a leader named Moses to take them there. Seems simple enough, right?

“WRONG. Because the Israelites did something next that NO ONE could have predicted.”

“And like a lot of us, the Israelites did NOT like waiting. In fact, they grew pretty impatient.”

“What did they do? They went to talk to Moses’ brother, Aaron. Aaron was sort of like Moses’ second in command. The Israelites were tired of waiting on Moses, and they wanted Aaron to give them something to worship. Before we find out what the Israelites did, it’s Offering Time!”

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 4 Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:15)

“Imagine if the Israelites had paused and said something like, ‘You know, Moses IS taking a long time to come back. But we can wait for him to talk to the one true God. We can be patient.’

“ALL of them would have gotten to go to the Promised Land! But they didn’t. They put too much space between them and the one true God. They forgot that HE was most important. They didn’t wait and think about what was true.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“Our Bottom Line today is this: **[Bottom Line] When you think you can’t wait, think about what’s true.** Can you say that with me?”

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “When you think you can’t wait, think about what’s true.”

“Let’s talk to God and ask Him to help us remember what’s true.”

Pray: “God, it’s sad to hear how the Israelites forgot to put You first. Please help us to keep our focus on You so that we don’t lose our patience like they did. Help us to put our faith and our hope in You alone. Help us to be patient and stay close to You and to remember what’s true. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “When you think you can’t wait, think about what’s true.

“Now it’s time for you to head to your small groups and talk about how YOU can remember what’s true!”

Dismiss children to their small groups.