

WHAT COULD YOU MISS OUT ON BY NOT WAITING?

No one wants to miss out. The funny thing is, a lot of times we act impatiently because we think we'll miss out if we wait.

1. Is everybody crowding around the bus to get on first? If you wait, you could miss out on a good seat.
2. Did you hear a text "ding" while you were talking to your friend? If you don't look at your phone, you'll miss out on that conversation.
3. Are you waiting to save up your money for something you really want but then you see something in the store that also looks pretty cool? If you don't buy it now, you'll miss it.

In all of those cases, you **COULD** get what you want right away. But what would you miss? To put it another way, what could you miss **OUT** on?

- You might get to cram on the bus first to get "your" seat, but you'd also miss the chance to sit with someone new.
- You might catch that text message, but you'd hurt the feelings of the person who's standing right in front of you.
- You'd spend your money on something small, but you'd miss the chance to save up for something great.

Think twice, because you never know what God might have in store for you. And you really don't want to miss it!

PATIENCE

Waiting until later for what you want now

Read Genesis 25:29-34

In Jacob and Esau's day, a birthright was a HUGE deal. (It's a little difficult for us to fully understand that here in 2018, but trust us . . . it was.)

Esau was the oldest, so he was supposed to inherit everything from his dad when his dad died. But apparently Esau missed the memo. He was willing to trade it away for a bowl of stew.

A bowl of buttered popcorn? A bowl of cookie dough? Now that would be tempting. But Esau had been hunting, and—well—he wanted some stew, and he did NOT want to wait around.

Circle the last verse in the chapter.

Esau didn't _____ the rights that belonged to him as the oldest son.

Maybe your Bible says that he "despised his birthright," which sounds even harsher.

The point is, Esau didn't realize how important the birthright was. He didn't care about it enough to be patient, so he gave it up to his brother.

What if he stopped to think twice? Do you think he would have made the same decision? What about you? Is it easy for YOU to stop and think twice when you're feeling impatient?



The decisions we make usually end up being a lot bigger than we think they are. Have you noticed that?

One choice can set off a chain reaction—good or bad.

Maybe you made the choice to be patient and wait for something you really wanted. But let's be real. Did it really matter? No one even saw it. You didn't get credit for it. You didn't even get what you wanted; you still had to wait.

The fact is, those choices DO matter. Anytime you think twice, you set yourself up to make a wiser decision. You put on the brakes and give yourself the chance to think it through, with a clear head.

God designed us that way. If we make quick decisions without thinking, we're probably going to regret it. If we get in the habit of stopping to think, we find ourselves looking at the same situation in a totally different way.

Write "Think Twice" across the top of your school notebook so you won't forget.

Talk to God and ask Him to help you take that extra step!

It's board game time!

Ask your brother or sister if they want to play a game with you. It doesn't matter which game you choose just as long as it uses dice or a spinner to take turns.

Tell your sibling that today, it's the "think twice" version of the game. This time, each turn, each player gets to roll (or spin) twice.

Do you think that'll take some extra patience? You bet! Use it as a chance to explain to your sibling why we should always think twice when we start to get impatient.

