

# CITY SG - April 13-14, 2024

**Today's Bible Story:** Can't Hardly Wait (Esau's Impatience) • *Genesis 25:24-34*

**Today's Bottom Line:** When you think you can't wait, think twice.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Wait for the LORD. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the LORD.* Psalm 27:14 (NIRV)

## 1. This or That

*Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** "This or That" Activity Page (1 per group)

### What You Do:

- Choose one kid to go first.
- Read them the first question of the Review Questions, which are listed below.
  - If the kid doesn't get the answer correct, invite them to choose another kid to try.
  - If the kid gets the answer correct, hand the kid the "This or That" Activity Page.
  - Invite that kid to read a choice from the "This or That" Activity Page to the group.
  - Instruct everyone who chooses the first option (this) to run to the right side of your space, or if they choose the second option (that) to run to the left side of your space.
- Continue in this way until all review questions have been answered.

### Review Questions:

1. What were the two brothers' names from our story today? (*Jacob and Esau*)
2. Which brother was older? (*Esau*)
3. Describe Esau. (*Answers may vary: He was hairy, he liked hunting, and he wrestled with his brother before they were even born.*)
4. Describe Jacob. (*Answers may vary: He wasn't hairy, he liked staying closer to home, and he wrestled with his brother before they were even born.*)
5. After Esau returned from hunting one day while Jacob was cooking stew, what happened next? (*Esau demanded some of the soup Jacob was cooking because Esau was really hungry.*)
6. What did Jacob say when Esau asked for some stew? (*Jacob said that he would trade him the soup for Esau's rights as the firstborn.*)
7. What were some of the rights that the firstborn had? (*The firstborn would receive money and possessions when the father passed away. He also received the opportunity to eventually lead the family.*)
8. Did Esau decide to be wise and patient? (*No. He was impatient and gave up his rights for the bowl of stew.*)
9. Why was this such an unwise choice? (*Answers may vary, like: This was an unwise choice because bad things happened, including a lot of fighting within the family. Esau also missed out on a lot of good things.*)
10. What could have happened if Esau decided to be patient? (*Answers may vary*)

## 2. Think Twice

### Application Activity

**What You Need:** “Think Twice” Activity Page (one per kid), “Think Twice Stickers” Activity Page (4 stickers per kid), and markers

#### What You Do:

- Give every kid a “Think Twice” Activity Page and a strip of 4 “x2” stickers.
- Explain that the “x2” is a reminder to think twice before reacting.
- Choose one kid (or you) to read the first scenario from the “Think Twice” Activity Page.
- Instruct the kids to place a “x2” sticker in the circle next to the first scenario.
- Ask: “If you choose to think twice, what kind of outcome could you have?”
- Set out the markers.
- Invite kids to use the markers to draw a picture or write out how the story could end when they choose to think twice in the box beside the first scenario on the “Think Twice” Activity Page.
- Invite volunteers to share their “Think Twice” endings to each scenario.
- Repeat with each of the four scenarios on the “Think Twice” Activity Page.
- The good thing is, we don’t have to figure out how to make the wise, patient choice alone. See, when we follow Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit to live inside us. Patience is a gift from God’s Spirit. So, **when you think you can’t wait, think twice.**

## 3. Act It Out

### Memory Verse Activity

**What You Need:** Bibles

#### What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
  - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
  - Read the memory verse to the group.
  - *Wait for the LORD. Be strong and don’t lose hope. Wait for the LORD.* Psalm 27:14 (NirV)
- Read the verse out loud a few times together.
- Instruct the kids to come up with hand motions and other movements to go along with the verse.
  - Kids can work in pairs or groups, or you can keep everyone together to share ideas.
- Give the kids a few moments to create motions.
- Recite the verse with the motions a few times together—allow the kids to lead when appropriate.
- Say, “Our Memory Verse reminds us that with God’s help, it’s possible to wait. It’s possible to think twice. We don’t have to act quickly. God has given us the Holy Spirit to help us stay strong and be patient. **When you think you can’t wait, think twice.**”

## 4. Pray

- “Dear God, thank You for the gift of patience through Your Holy Spirit. We know that when we choose to believe in You and follow You, we aren’t left alone in our waiting. You give us a way to be strong and have hope while we wait. Please make it clear this week when we need to show patience. Help us to slow down and remember: **[Bottom Line] When you think you can’t wait, think twice.** We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, ask kids to share one of their outcomes from the Think Twice Activity Page.