

CITY SG – April 20-21, 2024

Today's Bible Story: I Keep Forgettin' (Golden Calf) • *Exodus 32:1-35*

Today's Bottom Line: When you have to wait, remember what's true.

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

1. Grill That Burger

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "Grill That Burger" Page (Printed on cardstock, one per service), Hamburger Cut Outs (one patty per kid), blindfold (a few per bin), and tape

What You Do:

- Use the tape to hang the grill sign from the "The Grill" Activity Page on any wall of your space.
- Instruct the kids to line up about ten feet away (or as far away as possible) from the grill.
- Give each kid a burger patty cutout from the "Grill That Burger" Activity Page.
- Give each kid a loop of tape to stick on the back of their burger patty.
- One by one, blindfold the kids, slowly spin them once, and instruct them to attempt to stick their burger on the grill.
- If a kid gets their burger on the center of the grill, direct them to return to the group and move to the end of the line.
- If a kid does not get their burger successfully in the center of the grill, ask them a review question (below) before directing them to the end of the line.
- Continue until all review questions have been answered correctly and each kid has had the chance to stick their burger patty on the grill.

Review questions:

1. Who did God choose to lead the Israelites out of Egypt? (*Moses*)
 2. When the Israelites were camping near Mt. Sinai, what did God tell Moses to remind the people? (*Answers may vary; to remember how God rescued them, to obey God's commandments, to be God's holy nation*)
 3. How did the Israelites respond? (*They agreed to do everything God had said.*)
 4. Why did God call Moses away from the Israelites and up to the mountain? (*God wanted to give them a special set of rules to follow.*)
 5. How long were Moses and Joshua up on the mountain? (*40 days and nights*)
 6. How did the Israelites feel when they were waiting so long? (*They felt impatient, forgetting all God had done for them.*)
 7. What did the Israelites ask Aaron to do when Moses was up on the mountain? (*They asked him to make them a god to lead them.*)
 8. How did Aaron respond? (*Aaron melted the people's gold earrings to form a statue of a golden calf.*)
 9. How did Moses first react when he returned and saw what the people were doing? (*Moses was very angry. He threw the stone tablets with the special rules down, and they broke.*)
 10. Even though the Israelites were impatient and seemed to forget what God had done, how did God respond even though they turned away? (*God remained faithful and continued to provide for them on their journey to the land promised to them.*)
- Say, "When you were blindfolded and spun around, it was easy to forget where the grill was located during our game. Many of you lost sight of the path you planned to be on! In our story today, the Israelites forgot what God had done for them. They became so impatient while waiting for Moses that they forgot all the ways God had already provided for them by bringing them out of Egypt. In the midst of their impatience, they forgot to trust that God would lead them. We can allow our impatience to take over and cause harm, or we can let God's truths lead us in our waiting. **When you have to wait, remember what's true.**"

2. Serving Up Truth

Application Activity

What You Need: “Serving Up Truth” Page (one per kid), scissors, and glue sticks

What You Do:

- Divide kids into groups of 2 or 3.
- Give each kid a “Serving Up Truth” Activity Page.
- Set out scissors and glue sticks near each group for them to share.
- Direct the kids to cut out the food on the bottom of the “Serving Up Truth” Activity Page.
- Instruct the kids to work together with their group to take turns reading each scenario at the top of the “Serving Up Truth” Activity Page, then decide which truth from the bottom best fits the scenario.
- Direct the kids to glue the cookout food/promise on the corresponding plate near each scenario.
- Ask:
 - Can anyone share the truth they used in situation 1? (*Invite kids to respond. Do the same for situations 2-4. Some answers may vary. Invite kids to share why they chose what they did.*)
 - What are some ways God has helped you before in your life? (*Invite responses.*)
 - God has also put people in your life to help you while you wait. Who are some people who can help you?” (*Invite responses.*)

3. Memory Verse Chant

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Nothing

What You Do:

- Remind the kids of this month’s memory verse and say it together a few times, “*Wait for the LORD. Be strong and don’t lose hope. Wait for the LORD.*” Psalm 27:14 (*NIRV*)
- Encourage kids to tell you action words like jogging, skipping, hopping, marching, etc.
- Make a note of a few of the words they said.
- Tell kids to stand up. You call out one of the prompts they said below, adding the “action” to the blank.
- Lead the kids to say the verse in that way.
- Prompts: Say the verse . . .
 - quickly while [action word].
 - as you shout while [action word].
 - in a whisper while [action word].
 - in an opera voice while [action word].
 - in slow motion as you [action word].

4. Pray

- “Dear God, thank You for the gift of patience. We know that as believers in Jesus, You have given us the Holy Spirit to help us when we wait. We know that the Holy Spirit can help us remember Your truths when we find it hard to be patient. You don’t leave us alone in finding strength and joy, but have made a way for patience to be possible. No matter what we find ourselves facing this week, help us be confident in knowing that **[Bottom Line] when you have to wait, remember what’s true.** 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 show and explain their “Serving Up Truth” Activity Page.