ELEMENTARY ACTIVITY GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT: PATIENCE

FINISH LINE: God's timing is best, so patiently wait on the Lord

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 39-41

ACTIVITY 1: MEMORY VERSE GAME

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES: Dry erase board, mirror, dry erase marker, post it notes, memory verse cards from week one

DIRECTIONS: Write out the entire verse someplace everyone can see it. You could use the cards you made week one, write out the verse on post it notes, or use a dry erase board or mirror. After you have written it out, say the verse all together. Then start removing words from the verse. After you have removed 1-2 words, say it again. Keep repeating until all the words are gone but you can still say the verse from memory!

MEMORY VERSE: "Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord." **PSALM 27:13-14**

ACTIVITY 2: LESSON REVIEW

SUPPLIES: Timer, treat (cookies, chocolate chips, candy, etc.)

DIRECTIONS: Choose a treat that you know everyone will like and pass it out. Explain that they can eat this treat right now, but if they are patient and wait, they can have a better treat. Set a timer for two to five minutes depending on the age of your kids and how patient you think they could be.

When the timer goes off, give everyone who was patient a bonus treat. If someone was not patient and ate his treat, that is ok. Do not get him into trouble. However, because that person was not patient and ate his treat, he will not get another one.

EXPLAIN: God's timing is always best. He does not always promise we will get a treat like this when we are patient, but He promises to be with us and work all things out for good. God is always trustworthy and worth waiting for, no matter how long it might take.

OPTIONS: You can add some twists to this activity if you would like. You could have everyone sit around a table with the first treat in front of them for however long you set the timer. You could set the timer for different amounts of time for different people. You could set the timer and not tell them how long it is set for so they will not know when their waiting will end.