**PATIENCE – Week 2 Skit**

**Definition:** Trusting and waiting on God in all things

**Verse:** Psalm 27:13-14 (NLT) – “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.”

**Week 2:** God helps us be patient even when we don’t understand

**Main Scripture:** Genesis 37 (Joseph and his brothers)

**Other Scriptures:** Romans 15:5-7

**Characters:**

* Mom
* Ruby/Robert – dressed like a kid, back pack, book inside

**Props:**

* Table
* Chair
* Laundry and basket
* Book bag with book

**At Home Suggestions:**

* Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This week is set at home, so that’s a really easy set up!
* Grown-ups and parents...try switching roles! Grown-ups try playing Ruby or Robert; kids take on the role as Mom or Dad.

**Helpful Hints:**

* Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
* Take time reading through Genesis 37 together after you perform the skit. This whole month will be about Joseph and his brothers, so get familiar with him and his family members!

SFX: Patience Song (Veggie Tales), dim lights, bring lights up

R – (*Comes on stage as lights come up, frustrated, dramatic*) Mom! Ugh…Where are you?

Mom – *(offstage)* I’m in the laundry room, hun!

R – Mooommmmm! I just got home. Ugh…I have something to tell you. (*laying on chair/table*)

Mom – I’ll be right there, Ruby/Robert.

R – Mooommmm! (*very dramatic*)

Mom – (*comes in holding laundry, gives R a hug*) Hi, Honey. I’m so glad you’re home. How was your day?

R – Mom…no time for that. I have something to tell you.

Mom – Oh, okay, what is it?

R – You are never going to believe Jackson, in my class. This morning when I got to school, I was getting a sip of water, and he told me to hurry. Can you imagine? I hardly had a mouthful of water!

Mom – Oh…(*folding laundry*)

R – And then at lunch, I was getting my spork and my napkin. And *again* Jackson said, “hurry up!” He said I was slow as molasses. Whatever that means. I can’t believe him.

SFX: Phone Rings

Mom – Just a minute dear (*steps back stage to answer phone*)

R – Moommm! I need to tell you this story now. Right now! Mom…what’s taking her so long?

Mom – (*back on stage*) That was your grandmother calling… (*starts folding laundry again*)

R – (*interrupting*) Okay…Then again, when we were in science lab. Jackson wanted me to hurry up with my magnifying glass so he could use it. The nerve! Mom, where’s my snack? I’m starving. You always have a snack for me.

Mom – Ruby/Robert, I love to hear you share about your day, and I absolutely want you to tell me everything. But I can’t help but notice something.

R – Really? What?

Mom – It sounds like you are frustrated with Jackson because you felt like he wasn’t being patient with you today. Is that correct?

R – Yes! Can you believe it? How Rude!

Mom – Well, how did Jackson being impatient with you make you feel?

R – Oh man. I had all kinds of feelings about it. First I was embarrassed, and then sad, and now I’m just angry.

Mom – Ruby/Robert, have you noticed that since you’ve been home, you’ve been very impatient with me?

R – I have? How?

Mom – Well, when you first got home, you were impatient because I was in the laundry room, and then you were impatient when I had to take a phone call from Grammy Bea.

R – …oh and just a second ago, too, when I asked about my snack. Gee mom, I’m sorry. Will you forgive me?

Mom – Absolutely.

R – Here I was frustrated that Jackson wasn’t patient with me, and I wasn’t being patient with you.

Mom – It happens honey. Thankfully, God is patient with us even when we are not patient with others.

R – He is? That’s good news. *(Mom nods in agreement)* Hey, does patience just mean that you’re a good waiter?

Mom – **Patience means trusting and waiting on God in all things.**

R – Hmm… **trusting and waiting on God in all things.** I want to be good at patience. How do I do it?

Mom – Well, **because God is patient with us, we can trust and wait on Him in all things.** The Bible tells us in Romans 15:5 that it’s God who gives patience and encouragement, and that He helps us live in complete harmony with each other, which is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.

R – **Because God is patient with us, we can trust and wait on Him in all things?** So, God gives us the ability to trust Him and wait on Him?

Mom – Yep... Remember how I said that God is patient with us even when we are not patient with others?*(R nods head)* Well, that doesn’t mean we just get to be impatient with everyone... we still want to ask God to help us be patient with others because we want to show them how God is patient with all of us.

R – Ohhhhh, I get it. And when I’m not patient with others, I’m not showing them how God is patient with them...

Mom – That’s right... we’ll never do that perfectly, because we’re not God, but thankfully, He’s patient with us and wants to help us be more like Him.

R – So, even when I’m tempted to be impatient, God is patient with me? Being patient is kinda hard sometimes though!

M – I understand that, but guess what else? **God helps us be patient, even when we don’t understand.**

R – Really? That’s amazing! I am so thankful God helps me be patient.

Mom – I’m thankful He’s patient with me too! Hey, why don’t we go into the kitchen and make a snack together?

R – That’d be great, Mom! You’re the best! *(they start walking off together)* Maybe we could make your favorite snack today? That new sunflower seed butter you bought is pretty tasty!

Mom – *(Laugh)* Sounds good, hun, I’d love that.

SFX: Patience Song, dim lights