

PATIENCE – Week 3 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 3: God’s timing is best so patiently wait on the Lord

Main Scripture: Genesis 39-40 (Joseph in prison)

Other Scriptures: Psalm 40:1-3

Characters:

- Ruby/Robert
- Grandma/Grandpa

Props:

- Kitchen scene (table with pots/pans, apron, chef’s hat)
- Phone
- Empty flower pot
- Bag/suitcase for Grandma
- Bible

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!
- Try using baby powder to make your kiddos hair gray!
- Buy some strawberries or a fruit of your choice to eat after you’re done acting out the skit together...maybe even use them to bake a pie?!

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Continue reading about the life of Joseph in Genesis 39-40; remind your kiddo God was with Joseph while he was in the pit and while he was in prison and how Joseph patiently waited on the Lord.

SFX: Patience Song

Ruby comes on to the stage and starts setting the table for baking. She is smiling, excited, singing to herself.

Ruby: *(pulls out her phone)* Hey Grandma! It's me Ruby! ... I'm great! I am so excited for your visit! I can't wait to bake your famous strawberry pie together! Yep, I have everything ready! ... Nope! I don't need you to bring any strawberries from your farm. Guess why? You'll never guess! At school we were learning all about farmers. My teacher gave me some strawberry seeds, and I came right home and planted them! So, we'll have fresh strawberries that I grew for our pie! ... Okay Grandma! See you soon! *(Hangs up)* I am so excited for my grandma to come visit from her farm. I can hardly wait, but I have to be patient. I remember what my dad taught me about patience last week and how it means to trust and wait for God in all things.

Grandma: *(Enters with suitcase/bag)* Ruby! I'm here! I've missed you!

Ruby: Wow Grandma! That was fast. Are you ready to start baking?

Grandma: I sure am. *(Grandma rolls her sleeves and puts on her apron.)*

Ruby: Okay Grandma, you get started and I'll go get the fresh strawberries! *(walks backstage)*

Grandma: Oh, I'm so proud of you. Maybe you'll grow up to be a farmer like me and Grandpa!

Ruby: *(returns with empty pot, sad)* Grandma, I have some bad news. My strawberries didn't grow. I thought I'd have plenty for a great big pie...but look! I don't have a single one.

Grandma: Oh honey, that's a shame. Hmm, let's see. What happened?

Ruby: *(very upset)* I don't know! I planted the seeds, and I watered them and and and well, the sun has been shining, and...Where are the strawberries? I really wanted to make a pie. Why aren't they here?

Grandma: Oh, there, there sweetheart. Let's see. You planted the seeds right? And you watered them?

Ruby: Yep. Planted. Watered.

Grandma: And the sun has been shining.

Ruby: Shining bright! Look at it!

Grandma: Hmhmhm well this is a mystery for sure. Sounds like you did everything right. Seed. Water. Sun. And when did you plant the seed?

Ruby: This morning.

Grandma: Ohhhhhhhh...I see...this morning. So, you planted the seeds this morning and you expected you'd have a big bushel of strawberries this afternoon?

Ruby: I sure did, and I have no idea what happened. I did everything right and I have been being patient ALL DAY waiting for them to grow.

Grandma: (*chuckling*) Ruby, if you're gonna be a farmer, you're going to have to learn to be a LOT more patient than waiting just for a day. You know what I always remind myself of?

Ruby: What?

Grandma: When I am waiting for a harvest, I remember, **God's timing is best, so I wait patiently on the Lord.**

Grandma: And your dad told me, he taught your patience is trusting and waiting for in all things...right? So that means, even waiting for food to grow in the field.

Ruby: Yea... But waiting is hard, especially when you're hungry for pie.

Grandma: Waiting can be hard, but if you want to be a farmer, you had better get used to it. What helps us be patient is believing that God's timing is best. So, no matter how long we feel like we're waiting for something, we can trust that God's timing is for His glory and our good. Here, look at this... (*Grandma pulls out Bible*)

Ruby: Is that the Farmer's Almanac?

Grandma: Nope, even better. This is the Bible.

Ruby: I don't think we can learn anything about farming from the Bible.

Grandma: You'd be surprised...look what it says in 1 Peter. It says, "Dear Brothers and Sisters..."

Ruby: But I don't even have a brother or sister!

Grandma: Ruby? Patience.

Ruby: Sorry.

Grandma: Dear Brothers and Sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. You, too, must be patient. Take courage for the coming of the Lord is near." See Ruby? In the Bible when Peter is

teaching followers of Jesus to be patient, who does he use as an example?

Ruby: He uses farmers as an example of patience?

Grandma: Yes, he does... But you know, the Bible is full of examples about folks who needed to learn to trust and wait for God in all things. Think about Joseph! I tell you what, that's certainly a man who had to trust that God's timing is perfect, God's plan is perfect AND that he could patiently wait on the Lord.

Ruby: Kinda sounds like a good story...can I hear it?

Grandma: I'd love to tell you! Since we're not gonna be making any pie with fresh strawberries *today*, how about we go get some strawberry ice cream instead, and I'll tell you the story over a waffle cone?

Ruby: OOOOOOH this is a great plan, Grandma! I love ice cream! Will you come back to help me make the pie after I wait on God's timing for the strawberries to grow?

Grandma: *(Smiling)* I think I can do that. Alright, off we go! *(they exit)*

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