

PATIENCE – Week 4 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 4: We can be patient because God’s plan is perfect

Main Scripture: Genesis 41-45 (Joseph in the palace)

Other Scriptures: 2 Thessalonians 3:5

Characters –

- Sam/Samuel
- Dad/Mom

Props –

- House scene (table and chairs)
- Balloons and tape for dad to be decorating for birthday party
- Happy Birthday banner on the back wall

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!
- If you have any leftover party hats, use them for a costume.

Helpful Hints:

- Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Finish reading about the life of Joseph in Genesis 41-45; remind your kiddo God was with Joseph while he was in the pit, the prison *and* the palace. Pray together as a family, ask God to help you practice patience with one another even after this month is over.

SFX: Patience Song, dim lights, bring lights up

Mom/Dad is blowing up balloons and taping them to the wall as Sam/Samuel runs in

Sam/Samuel: *(Runs in from back stage)* It’s my birthdayyyyyy!

Mom/Dad: Hey there, kiddo, how’s my birthday boy/girl?!

Sam: GREAT. I'm a whole year older, so I can now use all my fingers on one hand to show how old I am. See (*holds up 5 fingers and waves excitedly*) AND guess what, Mom/Dad?!

Dad: What?

Sam: I woke up this morning, and I can run faster! I'm pretty sure it's the new shoes you gave me (*points to sneakers*). Wannaa see? Ok, I'll show you! (*Runs across stage*)

Dad: Well how about that? I've got a practically grown 5-year-old in my house, who's going to be the next Usain Bolt.

Sam: Who's that?

Dad: Just a fast runner in the Olympics.

Sam: Ooooooooooh, neat! Hey, Dad?

Dad: Yes, Sam?

Sam: When is everyone going to get here? I'm really excited for my birthday party to start.

Dad: They're going to be arriving later this evening.

Sam: Can we just go ahead and tell everyone to come right now?

Dad: What's the rush? They'll all be here tonight.

Sam: DAAAAAAD. I really don't want to wait! I'm already ready, so can't they just come right now?

Dad: Sam/Samuel, your dad/mom and I have been working really hard to get everything ready for tonight. Why don't you practice your patience and stick to the plan?

Sam: Ugh I don't want to! It's hard! I'm sure we can just tell everyone to come now!!

Dad: Well, we could. But, Sam, remember how we talked about having cupcakes and homemade ice cream? And how your cousin, Ruby/Ryan is going to bring over some strawberry pie grandma/pa helped 'em make? And how grandma is making her famous chicken spaghetti?!

Sam: Oh, I love grandma's chicken spaghetti! I can't wait to have all that at my party! Right now!

Dad: Well, son...baking pie, cupcakes, making homemade ice cream and grandma's chicken spaghetti take time. If we don't stick to the plan, you won't have any of those homemade treats or any other special guests here... (*makes minion sound*)

(Sam goes to sit at table, pouting a bit)

Sam: Uhhh. I wish we could just move everything to right now.

Dad: Well, buddy/sweetheart, I know it can be hard to wait, but if you just hold out, it will be worth it.

Sam: I guess...

Dad: Sam, did you know there's a story in the Bible about someone else who had to wait for good things to happen? Wait for a really...really long time...

Sam: *(Kinda interested, still sad about having to wait...just looks at dad)*

Dad: His name was Joseph, and he had a lot of hard stuff happen to him. Not only was he betrayed by his own brothers, but someone else told a lie about him, saying he did something he didn't do. And he got in BIG trouble for it.

Sam: Well, that doesn't seem very fair. I don't know if I like this story, Dad.

Dad: Well, the story gets better. You see, Joseph trusted and waited for God in all things, and he knew that God loved him. So, even when bad stuff was happening, instead of asking, "Why?" he waited to see what God was up to. **He could be patient because he knew God's plan is perfect.**

Sam: *(Excited)* Ok, so then what happened to him?

Dad: *(Chuckling a bit)* While Joseph was still in jail for the lie someone told about him, God gave Joseph the ability to help Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, figure out what some weird dreams meant. And Pharaoh ended up making Joseph a ruler in Egypt! After a while, Joseph was even able to see his brothers again, and he forgave them. So, what do you think Joseph's story tells YOU about being patient?

Sam: *(Sighs)* I guess, since Joseph was able to be patient and trust that God's plan is perfect... I can too? Even when it's hard...or I am really excited...

Dad: *(Dad nods in encouragement)* So, do you still want to have your birthday party right now, or wait for tonight - which means waiting for the pie, the cupcakes and the ice cream and the chicken spaghetti and Minions - like we planned?

Sam: *(Thinks about it for a second)* Let's stick to the plan, Dad. I'm going to practice my patience. But I'm going to practice it outside while I'm running in my new shoes.

Dad: (*Laughs*) Alright, kiddo.

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