



K-5TH GRADE PRODUCTION



April 28th

Today's Bible Story: I'm With You (Simeon Waits for the Messiah) • *Luke 2:25-35*

Today's Bottom Line: God is with you while you wait.

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

Monthly Virtue: Patience—Waiting until later for what you want now

Basic Truth: I need to make the wise choice.

9:00/10:45/12:30	PC (HOST) takes the stage; encourages kids to begin clean up; hypes kids for Large Group
9:15/11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gives cue to Tech to begin 30 second monthly countdown ■ ½ House Lights Remain UP until end of Bust Out
9:03/10:48/12:33	SFX: 30 Second Countdown
9:18/11:18	Bustout – DIAMONDS
9:06/10:51/12:36	Welcome & Announcements
9:21/11:21	Boo-YAH!!
9:10/10:55/12:40	OPENER
9:25/11:25	<p>HOST: "Hi, friends! It's great to be here with you at [name of your environment]! I'm having so much fun with all of you this month. We've been finding out how God can help us live with patience.</p> <p>SLIDE: Virtue <i>Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Transition to Virtue</i></p> <p>"Patience is waiting until later for what you want now.</p> <p>SLIDE: Theme <i>Optional Video (Media Package): Virtue Transition to Theme</i></p> <p>"We need patience every day of our lives! We need patience when we're waiting to get picked up after school or practice. We need patience when we're stuck in traffic. We need patience when we're at a cookout and we're waiting for our food to cook. We need patience when we're sick, and we just want to feel better!</p> <p>"The thing is, we're not on our own when we have to wait. We know that God is with us, and that God can help us have patience. Even when things happen that we don't understand, we can have patience and trust that God is still good . . . and God is still in control. The apostle Paul wrote that patience is something that God's Holy Spirit can create in us.</p> <p>"Now . . . to kick off our time together, I've got a game that will test the patience and bravery of two Small Group Leaders. This game is called 'The Cookout Box.'</p> <p>SLIDE: "The Cookout Box"</p> <p><i>Choose two adult leaders and have them come up front. Have them stand next to the table on stage. Place the box on the table with the open side facing the audience, and place the paper plate inside the box.</i></p>

	<p>"For each round, one contestant will close their eyes while I put an item from a cookout inside the box. That contestant will then put their hands through the holes in the box and feel the item inside. <i>(Demonstrate.)</i> They'll use their patience to think carefully and try to guess what the item is that they're touching. They can think it over for 10 seconds, and then I'll ask for their answer. <i>(To audience)</i> Audience, you'll be able to see the item, but don't say the answer out loud, because we want our leader to be able to guess!</p> <p>"[Leader's name], you're up first. Please close your eyes. <i>(Pause.)</i> Here comes the first item. <i>(To audience)</i> Remember, everybody, don't give away what it is!</p> <p><i>Hold up the jar of pickles so the kids can see it, while holding a finger to your lips to remind them not to say what it is out loud. Spoon a few pickle slices out of the jar and drop them onto the plate (inside the box).</i></p> <p>"All right, [leader's name]. You may now put your hands inside The Cookout Box! When the music stops, I'll ask for your answer. Here we go!</p> <p>AUDIO: 10-Second Game Music (for each round)</p> <p><i>The first leader puts their hands through the holes into the box.</i></p> <p>"[Leader's name], it's time for you to tell us your guess. What item is in the box? <i>(Pause for response.)</i></p> <p><i>Comment on the leader's response and reveal the correct answer. Award a point on the dry-erase board if they got the answer right. Remove the pickles from the box and put them in the trash. Provide wet wipes so the leader can clean their hands.</i></p> <p><i>Play the game in the same way for the other rounds—alternating contestants, and putting a different item in the box each time. Play six rounds total so each leader has three chances to guess. Celebrate the leader who got the most total points.</i></p> <p>SLIDE: Theme Optional Video (Media Package): Theme Loop</p> <p>"That was incredible! Way to play, [leaders' names]. Now let's all get up on our feet so we can sing and worship God together."</p>
<p>9:15/11:00/12:45</p> <p>9:30/11:30</p>	<p>WORSHIP <i>Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.</i></p> <p>WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes, we want to give God everything . . . all that we are . . . every part of us. Worship helps us give our whole heart to God. That's what this song is about. It says, 'I'll give my all to You, whatever You choose for me to do.' Let's lift this one up and sing. Come on, everybody!"</p> <p>AUDIO: "All to You" / track 1 from My Life for You Optional Video: "All to You" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video</p>
<p>9:18/11:03/12:48</p> <p>9:33/11:33</p>	<p>BIBLE STORY SLIDE: Theme Background</p> <p><i>Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.</i></p> <p>SETTING UP THE STORY STORYTELLER: "Hello, everyone! Today we're looking at a great example of patience</p>

that we can find in the book of Luke. (*Hold up Bible.*) Luke is one of the four Gospels that tell the story of Jesus.

"When we look back to the very beginning of God's Big Story, we see how God created the world and everything in it. But then people turned away from God, and the world was broken. Still, God had a plan to rescue and restore us. God promised to bless the whole world through the family of one man, Abraham. That family grew, and they became known as the Israelite people.

"Over the years, the Israelites turned away from God many times. They were attacked and scattered. But God never turned away from them. God spoke through people called prophets and promised to send a Rescuer.

"For hundreds of years, the Israelites waited for God's promised Savior to come. They were ruled by other nations, including the Romans. Under the Romans, the Jewish people were allowed to worship God . . . but they had to pay lots of taxes to Rome.

"That brings us to today's story—and I'll need two volunteers to help me tell it. You'll be my puppeteers. Raise your hand if you want to come up!"

Select two kids and have them come on stage. Have them stand behind the table with the red and white tablecloth.

SIMEON WAITS

STORYTELLER: "One person who was waiting for the Savior to come was a man named Simeon.

Hold up the ketchup bottle with googly eyes and arms made with craft stems (a.k.a. pipe cleaners). Give it to one of the two kids on stage.

"Here he is. (*To the bottle*) Say hello for us, Simeon!

Cue the kid (kid #1) to wave the ketchup bottle's "arm."

"Simeon lived in Jerusalem, and we read this about him in the book of Luke:

Open the Bible to Luke 2:25 (NIRV) and read.

He was a good and godly man. He was waiting for God's promise to Israel to come true. (NIRV)

"We also know from the Bible that God's Holy Spirit was with Simeon. Get this—God's Spirit told Simeon that he would get to see the promised Savior before he died. What amazing news! (*To the bottle*) Let's see you jump for joy, Simeon!"

Cue kid #1 to make the ketchup bottle "jump for joy."

SIMEON GROWS OLD

STORYTELLER: "We don't really know how old Simeon was when God's Spirit said this to him. We don't know how long he had to wait for this amazing promise to come true.

"But we can imagine it might have taken a while. Maybe Simeon got older . . .

Stick the gray beard on the ketchup bottle.

". . . and older . . .

Stick the lighter gray beard on the ketchup bottle.

“. . . and even older still.

Stick the white beard on the ketchup bottle.

“Still, we can guess that Simeon waited patiently . . . and joyfully . . . because he trusted in this incredible promise from God.

(To the bottle) “Let’s see you raise your hands and worship God, Simeon.”

Cue kid #1 to raise the ketchup bottle’s “arms.”

MEETING THE MESSIAH

STORYTELLER: “Finally, one day God’s Spirit prompted Simeon to go to the temple courtyard.

Pull out the picnic basket and set it on the edge of the table.

(To the bottle) “Go ahead, Simeon, you can head over there toward the temple.

Cue kid #1 to make the ketchup bottle travel over to the picnic basket.

“While Simeon was there at the temple, he saw a couple carrying their Baby Son. Can you guess who it was? *(Pause for response.)* Yep. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus.

(To the other kid on stage, kid #2) “That’s your cue, [kid’s name]. Here they are.

Pull out the barbecue sauce and mustard bottles with googly eyes and craft stem arms. Set them on the opposite side of the table from the picnic basket. Mary should be “holding” a rolled-up paper napkin as though she’s carrying a baby bundle.

(To kid #2) “[Kid’s name], can you make these three walk over to the temple?”

Cue kid #2 to make the barbecue sauce and mustard bottles travel over to the picnic basket.

“Perfect. *(To audience)* At this point, Jesus was only eight days old! Mary and Joseph had brought Him to the temple so they could dedicate Him to God. And you know what that means.

(Reference the Simeon ketchup bottle.) “Simeon finally got to see Jesus, the promised Savior!

(To the Simeon ketchup bottle) “Let’s see you jump for joy, Simeon.

Cue kid #1 to make the ketchup bottle “jump for joy.”

(To the barbecue sauce and mustard bottles) “Let’s see you jump for joy, Mary and Joseph.

Cue kid #2 to make the barbecue sauce and mustard bottles “jump for joy.”

“Simeon then took Jesus in his arms.

Transfer the napkin bundle into Simeon’s “arms.”

“Simeon praised God and said:

Open the Bible to Luke 2:29-32 (NirV) and read.

*"Lord, you are the King over all.
Now let me, your servant, go in peace.
That is what you promised.
My eyes have seen your salvation.
You have prepared it in the sight of all nations.
It is a light to be given to the Gentiles.
It will be the glory of your people Israel."* (NIRV)

"This was Simeon's way of declaring that Jesus is God's Messiah. Simeon believed that Jesus had come to rescue not only Jewish people, but everyone, everywhere!

"Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph, and he told Mary again that Jesus had been sent by God.

(To the kids on stage) "Great job, you two! Thank you for being my puppeteers and assistant storytellers today."

Dismiss the two kids back to their seats. Move to the front of the table as you wrap up the story.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Jesus grew up, and He went on to heal people who were sick and teach people about God. Some people weren't so sure about Jesus and chose not to follow Him. But to many others, it became clear that Jesus really is the Son of God, and that He really is the Savior God had promised.

"In the end, Jesus would give up His life for us on the cross. But even then, God's plan wasn't finished, because Jesus was raised back to life!

"Simeon didn't know how the story would unfold. But he knew that every minute he had waited for God's Rescuer had been worth the wait.

"Here's what we need to remember:

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "God is with you while you wait.

"Simeon put his trust in God, even while he waited . . . and that's something we can do too. When we're waiting for something, we're never really alone. God is right there with us, always. Let's pray."

SLIDE: Theme Background

PRAY

STORYTELLER: "God, thank You for being with us while we wait. You are faithful and good. You love us more than we can imagine! When we're waiting for something, help us to put our trust in You. Give us patience so we can wait well. Remind us that You are always working in our lives, and **[Basic Truth] we can trust You no matter what.** We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

9:30/11:15/1:00

9:45/11:45

WORSHIP LEADER:

"We've been singing this song 'Keep On Waiting' this month. Patience is something we all need in our lives, no matter how old we are. Listen to David's words from Psalm 36:5-9: *'Lord, your love is as high as the heavens. Your faithful love reaches up to the skies. Your holiness is as great as the height of the highest mountains. You are*

	<p><i>as honest as the oceans are deep. . . We are filled with light because you give us light.' (NirV) Let's lift our voices now and thank God for loving us."</i></p> <p>AUDIO: "Keep On Waiting" / track 4 from My Life for You</p> <p>Optional Video: "Keep On Waiting" Live Lyrics or Dance Moves Music Video</p>
<p>9:34/11:19/1:04</p> <p>9:49/11:49</p>	<p>LANDING</p> <p>COMMUNICATOR: So as you head to small group, think about this. . ."</p> <p>CG: Bottom Line Slide</p> <p>God is with you while you wait.</p> <p>It's time to talk more in Small Groups! Have fun!"</p>
<p>9:35/11:20/1:05</p> <p>9:50/11:50</p>	<p><i>Kids to Small Groups</i></p> <p>SFX: Play fun music as the kids exit.</p>