

# Bake Off: It's Worth The Wait



First, watch  
this week's  
video!

**Patience:**  
Waiting until  
later for what  
you want now

### Memory Verse

Wait for the Lord.  
Be strong and  
don't lose hope.  
Wait for the Lord.  
Psalm 27:14, NIV

### Bible Story

Simeon Waits for  
the Messiah  
Luke 2:25-35

### Key Question

When is it hard to  
have patience?

Use this guide to help your family learn how  
God can help us to be patient.

## Activity

### Hold It!

#### What You Need:

Paper plate (or sheet of paper cut into a circle) and a marker

#### What You Do:

Ask your child to draw Simeon's face on one side of a paper plate, showing his expression as he waited for the Messiah to come. On the other side of the plate, tell them to draw what they think Simeon's expression looked like when he saw little Jesus for the first time.

Challenge your child to hold their paper plate straight out in front of them, with the "waiting face" toward you, as you read Luke 2:25-35 out loud. When they hear something in the story that is evidence that God was with Simeon as he waited for the Savior, they should wave their plate but not lower their arms. Then, when Simeon sees Jesus for the first time, they should flip their plate so that the "reaction face" is toward you.

Tell your child that they can lower their arms when they hear you say "THE END" after you finish reading the passage. Ask, "When your arms started to get tired and you wanted to put your plate down, what helped you hang in there?"



## Talk About the Bible Story

Who was already waiting for Jesus when Mary and Joseph left for Jerusalem? (*Simeon*)

What promise did God give Simeon? (*that Simeon would see the Messiah before he died*)

How long did Simeon have to wait to meet the Messiah? (*We don't know the exact answer, but it was a long time.*)

How do you think Simeon was able to show such great patience? (*Let your child answer with their own ideas. Prompt them if you need to by asking, "How did he know for sure that he would see the Messiah?" or, "What did he know was coming his way?"*)

In a frustrating situation, how can you tell when you're about to lose your patience?

What can you do to avoid losing your cool when it's not easy to be patient, or when waiting feels like forever?

*Parents, share a situation you experience regularly where you have a hard time waiting.*

## Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, we've learned a lot about patience today. Now it's time to put what we've learned into practice. Give us the strength to wait the way Simeon did, and to know that You are always with us. We know that to have patience, we also need to have faith. So help us trust You as we wait. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."