I Will Be Patient!

From Game Show Jr.
Lesson 1

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PATIENCE
Great leaders are willing to wait for what they want.

LEADERSHIP GOAL
Your children will learn that they should have patience when they have to wait.

LEADERSHIP LESSON
Esau loses his birthright - Genesis 25:19-34

WHAT DO I DO?
Have your children watch the Leadership Video, *I Will Be Patient*.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THIS LESSON
- Ask your children the Leadership Questions.
- Read the Leadership Story, found in Genesis 25:19-34, to your children.
- Do the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: THANK YOU, I'LL WAIT

Prior to beginning the activity, pick a snack your family likes to eat.

Gather your family and tell them that you have a snack for them. Tell them that they will get the snack in a certain amount of time. You can chose a short time, such as five minutes, or a long time like twenty minutes.

While your family is waiting, you can provide an activity for them to do. Choose something the whole family enjoys doing such as playing a board game, coloring, or taking a walk.

Ask your family to listen for you to give them a countdown. Every minute call out, "____ minutes left," and have them respond "Thank you, I'll wait ____ minutes."

Continue to call out the countdown until time is up. Then, get everyone together to enjoy the snack. As you eat, remind your family that they had to wait for the snack. Congratulate everyone for waiting patiently. Remind your family that they will have to wait in life, and when they have to wait, it's best to wait patiently. Pray, asking God to help each person in your family remember to be patient when they have to wait.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your children memorize this verse.

"So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise."

Ephesians 5:15 (NLT)

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Main Point: I Will Be Patient!

Child Leadership Questions:

1. At the beginning of the game show, who was being patient?
   (No one.)

2. During the popcorn eating contest, who had patience?
   (No one.)

3. Because none of the contestants were being patient, Guy Handsome decided to have them watch a Bible Lesson about patience. Who was in the Bible Lesson?
   (Esau and Jacob.)

4. When Esau came back from hunting, he was hungry. What did he ask Jacob for?
   (Some stew.)

5. What did Jacob ask for in return for the bowl of stew?
   (Esau's birthright.)

6. What was the birthright?
   (All the things the firstborn of the family would get - house, land, animals.)

7. Did Esau decide to be patient or did he give up some important things for food?
   (He gave up the important things for food.)

8. When do you have to be patient? *(Waiting for dinner. Waiting to go to the pool. Waiting to play with my friends.)*

Esau was not patient, and because he wasn't patient he lost his birthright to Jacob. God wants us to be patient and that means we might not get something we want right away. When we have to wait, it's best to wait in a happy way, without whining or complaining.

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