



I Will Be Patient!

From Professor Playtime's
Christmas Shop of Wonders
Lesson 5

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PATIENCE

Great leaders don't have to have everything right now. They are content to wait for the appropriate time, knowing that good things come when they wait.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that when we wait, we should do so patiently.

LEADERSHIP STORY

The Christmas story through the eyes of Simeon. (Luke 2:25-35)

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children read the Leadership Story. Next, have your children watch the Leadership Video and complete the Child Leadership Questions. If you want to do the Optional Family Activity, have the whole family watch the Leadership Video, then lead your family through the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: READY YET?

For this activity, you will need a timer that your child can read and some cookies to bake. Put the cookies in the oven and set the timer. Choose one child to hold the timer. He or she is the time keeper. The other members of the family take turns asking if the cookies are ready. The time keeper must respond by saying, "No. We need to be patient. There are _____ minutes left." Keep asking the time keeper if the cookies are ready, until it is time to take them out of the oven. Ask these questions as you enjoy the cookies together.

1. Did constantly asking about the cookies make the time go any faster?
2. Was it irritating or annoying to be constantly asked about the cookies?
3. What would have happened if we were not patient and took the cookies out of the oven too soon?
4. Was it worth waiting for the cookies to finish baking?

Tell your family that waiting impatiently never helps anything. Good things always take time and good things will come to us when we wait with patience.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city."

Proverbs 16:32 (NLT)



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Main Point: I Will Be Patient!

Read the Leadership Story about Simeon in Luke 2:25-35. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. What word did Pastor Mike say we all needed more of?
2. What are some things that you have to wait a long time for?
3. According to the old saying that Pastor Mike mentioned, what kind of things come to those who wait?
4. Where did Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to be dedicated to the Lord?
5. There was someone else at the Temple that day. Who was there?
6. Simeon was waiting for a promise from God to be fulfilled. God promised that Simeon would see someone special before he died. Unscramble the word below to see who it was.
S V I A O R
7. Who led Simeon to the Temple on the day that Jesus would be there?



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8. What are some things Pastor Mike mentioned that go faster and faster?
9. There are many times in life when we will have to _____.
10. Pastor Mike mentioned two ways that Simeon waited. He also said that we should wait the same way. Fill in the missing letters to see the ways we should wait.
 - Wait with EN ____ HU ____ IA ____ M.
 - Wait with E ____ CI ____ EME ____ T.
11. Circle the name of the children below who were waiting the way God wants us to wait, with enthusiasm and excitement.
 - Chad stomped his feet and whined and groaned while waiting for his dad to finish watching the football game.
 - Jerry asked his mother if he could do anything to help while he waited for dinner to be ready.
 - Isabella waited a long time for her baby brother to be born. While she waited for them to come home from the hospital, she prayed for them.
 - Mary was tired of waiting for ice cream, so she pushed her way to the front of the line, knocking down some smaller kids.



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12. Write some things below that you know you need to wait for. Some examples are summer vacation or Christmas.

Instead of letting yourself become grumpy or whiny about waiting for those things, find ways to remind yourself that they are coming and keep up your excitement about them. Note the suggestions below on some ways to do this.

- Draw a picture of what you are waiting for.
- Make a calendar of days until you will get what you are waiting for.
- Make a checklist of things to be done before you will get what you are waiting for.
- Tell people that you are excited about what is coming. (But don't whine about waiting!)
- Pray to God and thank Him for what you are waiting for.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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1. Patience.
2. Answers will vary, but may include: Christmas. My birthday. Vacation.
3. Good things.
4. The Temple.
5. Simeon.
6. Savior.
7. The Holy Spirit.
8. Video games. Computers.
9. Wait.
10. Enthusiasm. Excitement.
11. Circle the following: Jerry. Isabella.
12. Answers may vary.