

FAMILY GAME TIME

WAIT FOR IT!

ITEMS NEEDED:

Two baseball caps and two baseballs

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose two players for this game. Set the baseball caps on the floor about 5 feet away from the players. Give them each a ball and tell them that when you say go, they will compete to see who can get their baseball to land in their hat first. Remind them they must wait until you say "GO!"

Give them a, "Ready.... Set...." Then pause. Keep pausing. Milk it. Let them get tense waiting. Keep reminding them to, "Wait for it... Wait for it..." Finally, when you can't stand it any longer, say, "Go!"

Ask them how frustrating it was having to wait for the game to start and if it was hard to have patience.

VARIATION:

Any quick competition like this will do in place of throwing baseballs. The idea is to make them wait for the start, giving them another illustration about patience.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Patience comes from trusting God.

FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER:

What's the longest you ever had to wait for food in a restaurant?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Galatians 5:22-23

Have the kids each recite or read the verse in the voice of their favorite cartoon character.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Genesis 21:1-7

What is the fourth Fruit of the Spirit?

What did God promise Abraham?

Why do you think God made Abraham wait so long to have a son?

How old was Abraham when his son was born?

Can you think of some times when you have had to wait in the last week or so?

How can we learn to be more patient?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Give us the patience we need to wait on your blessings.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

FAMILY REVIEW GAME

FILL IN THE BLANK

God promised _____ he would have a son.
ABRAHAM

Abraham's wife _____ was far past the age when she could have a baby.
SARAH

Abraham was _____ years old when his son was born.
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Abraham named his son _____.
ISAAC

God wants to give us the fruit of _____ so we can learn to wait on him.
PATIENCE

CRAFT ACTIVITY

Have the kids cut out and color a fruit of their choice from construction paper. Have them trace and cut out an hourglass shape, like the one that pops up on the computer when something is loading. Have them color the hourglass and then glue it onto the fruit. The hourglass over the fruit reminds us we need to wait for fruit to ripen - and we need to grow the fruit of patience!