

# Patience is waiting until later for what you want now.

## DAY 1

### Read Proverbs 14:29

Patience is waiting until later for what you want now.

Waiting is hard! When you get frustrated and respond in anger, you show how foolish you are. But the opposite is true too. You will become more wise when you choose to be patient.

### Rest in Peace

Find the missing words in the word search below and add them to today's verse.

F Q U I Q U I C K L Y  
 A C G H I N Z Y K X Q  
 P A T I N D T R O S Y  
 G N H X Y E I C D N Q  
 L Y N A G R D R M W S  
 F O O L I S H N W P H  
 I N X P V T Y E T U O  
 Q E S P Z A A F T P W  
 K L E W M N F O O L S  
 A R S Z L D V S N X R  
 K H P A T I E N T U P  
 I N G O B N C P D E T  
 J F D A N G R Y Q R S

"..... who is ..... has great ..... . But anyone who gets ..... how..... they are."

Proverbs 14.29

Answer key: Anyone, patient, understanding, angry, quickly, shows, foolish

## DAY 2

### Read Ephesians 4:2

Patience is hard. But no one expects you to have it without any help. When you become a follower of Jesus, God sends the Holy Spirit as your helper. When you need encouragement, or to be reminded of what's true, that still small voice you hear is God's Spirit guiding you to act in the way God would.

Read the scenarios below. How could you "put up with one another" with patience?

*Your mom told you to get in the car so you'll be ready to go, but you've been in your seat waiting for at least five minutes and, so far, your mom is still in the house.*

*Your best friend promised she'd return your favorite sweater days ago, but you still don't have it back.*

*Your dad promised he'd play ball with you, but he's still on a phone call with work.*

DAY 3

## Read Romans 12:12

When do you pray? Is it only before meals and bedtime? Do you ever stop in the middle of your day at school and ask God for help? Talking to God doesn't mean you have to bow your head and close your eyes. Praying can be as simple as saying something to God in your own head. No one around you even has to know you're praying!

God always hears you. God LOVES you. And God is patiently waiting to talk with you through prayer.

Today at school, think about praying to God when you face a situation you're unsure about. Make it a goal to pray throughout the day. At the end of the day, think about your prayer time. Did it help? Were you more patient? Were you less worried? How did talking to God make a difference today?

DAY 4

## Read Ecclesiastes 7:8

No one likes to be told to wait. And no one waits with perfect patience all the time. Waiting until later for what you want now doesn't come naturally. If you want it right now, well, you want it RIGHT NOW!

This verse reminds us that waiting is the better choice because the end of something is better than the beginning. In other words, waiting patiently for something means we can enjoy it more, later on. Like Christmas. Or birthdays. Or vacations. Or a whole list of other things you think you can't wait for.

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### Paper Chain Waiting

Think of an event that's coming up in the near future. Grab a calendar and figure out how many days there are between today and your big event. Make a paper chain to count down the days. Take a chain off each day leading up to your big event to bring excitement to the waiting for all that future fun!

**Waiting can  
make you wise.**