

City LG – June 22-23, 2019

Bible Story: Right Here Waiting (Simeon at the Temple) • *Luke 2:22-35*

Bottom Line: When you need to wait, ask God for patience.

Memory Verse: *The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.*
Galatians 5:22-23a, NIRV

CG: 2-Minute Countdown

WORSHIP: “At the Top of My Lungs” and “Turn it Up”

(Worship Leader prays)

“Hey, everyone! Today is all about patience. Raise your hand if you ever have a tough time being patient. *(Raise your hand.)* I know I do. It can be hard for me to wait for things like dinner, my birthday, or something fun I have planned with my family. I definitely need God’s help to be patient. The great thing is, I know I can power up with His Holy Spirit! Remember, when Jesus returned to heaven after God raised Him to life, God sent the Holy Spirit to live in the hearts of people who decide to follow Jesus.

“But God’s Spirit had already been active since the very beginning—even before Jesus was born. We see that when we read the stories in the Bible about creation and about Gideon, Samson, King David, and others. *(Hold up Bible.)* Later, years before the birth of Jesus, God’s Spirit spoke to a faithful man named Simeon. Simeon was a good and godly man. He loved God very much, and he did his very best to follow God’s rules. Simeon knew that God had promised to send a Savior to rescue His people. He was waiting for God’s promise to come true.

“One day, the Spirit told Simeon that he would not die before he had a chance to see this Savior. Simeon was very, very excited about this promise! Simeon was a very patient man. He spent some time waiting. *(Dramatically)* And THEN . . .well. . . nothing happened. No Savior yet. But surely God would send Him soon, right? So Simeon waited a little while longer. *(Dramatically)* And THEN . . . still nothing. Still, Simeon knew what God had promised him. He waited patiently for it to happen. We don’t know exactly how long he waited, but it must have been a long time. We’ll stop right there, and let our Bible Story video finish the story. Watch this!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:45)

“Mary and Joseph were amazed by everything Simeon said. Simeon really believed that Jesus was the Savior. Sure enough, God had allowed him to see Jesus, just like the Spirit had promised. In that moment, Simeon must have felt such a deep sense of peace and joy in his heart. Though some of the words God had given him were difficult, every moment of his patient waiting had paid off! He had been able to actually meet Jesus—the baby who would one day rescue the whole world.

“Simeon was patient, and we can be, too. We just need to remember who to ask! God can give us patience when we need to wait. He can help us power up with His Holy Spirit.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

“Remember: **[Bottom Line] When you need to wait, ask God for patience.** Let’s pray.”

Pray: “Thank You, God, for the story of Simeon. Thank You for giving Him patience when he had to wait. Please help us to be patient like him. Help us to wait on You and to remember to ask You for help when we need it. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

“Remember, patience is a fruit of the Spirit. It’s something the Spirit does in us. Let’s look at our memory verse for this month, Galatians 5:22-23.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself, Galatians 5:22-23a (NIV).”

“It’s so cool to know that God can help us be patient. He knows that it can be hard for us to wait. That’s why we need to remember to talk to Him about it. He knows what’s best for us. **[Basic Truth] We can trust Him no matter what!**

“Now it’s time to worship God with our offering, and then we will head to Small Group and talk some more about how God can help you be patient!”

Offering Time:

“Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else’s life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called ‘Missions of Hope’ to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God’s love for them.”

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya. Here’s a picture of some homes in Nairobi!”

CG: Kenyan Homes JPEG

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container*).”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 3:30)

Dismiss to Small Groups