

# PATIENCE

*Bearing fruit at home*

*What is patience?*

Patience is the ability to wait on God. We can trust that God is working for our best and His glory in His perfect timing. Patience with others grows as we are reminded that God is patient with us.

*But if we hope for what we do not yet observe, we eagerly wait for it with patience.  
Romans 8:25*

## Parents / Kids

### BEST USE

A family time activity to learn about patience

### ADVANCE PREP

A Bible, ingredients and the recipe to bake a special treat such as cookies or brownies

#### *Step One*

Work together to mix all the ingredients to bake. Put the mix in the oven and then sit on the floor near the oven to watch and wait.

#### *Step Two*

As you wait, read Isaiah 40:31 together. Talk about the meaning of patience - to be content while waiting for God's timing. Try to come up with a list of characters in the Bible who needed to wait for God's timing (e.g. Waited well= Joseph in prison (Genesis 40:23-41:1), Jacob waiting for his wife (Genesis 29:18-30), Prodigal Son's Father (Luke 15:11-32)

#### *Step Three*

If you have the time, go ahead and read a few of the character's stories together in the Bible. Discuss if the character(s) "waited well" for God's timing? Were they patient? Did they complain and grumble while waiting or did they choose to trust God and be content?

#### *Step Four*

Once your yummy treats are finished baking and are ready to eat, spend some time talking about ways your family can "wait well" and areas in which each of you may need to practice the art of patience.

#### *Pray*

Thank God that He is faithful and we can trust His plans. Pray that He will give each of you the grace needed to grow the fruit of patience.