



**Waiting for Jesus:
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Baking it Out**

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After a cold and exciting February, we enter March with anxious anticipation of spring and Easter! As we travel through the season of Lent, thinking about Jesus' journey to the cross and His resurrection, we realize how important it is to have patience. This month we're talking all about waiting. We challenge your family to think about how you wait and why you wait, remembering that God has a beautiful plan for each of us. Explore as a family what it truly means to be "strong and take heart" while waiting patiently for God to work in His perfect timing (Psalm 27:14).

We'll have activities to teach us the bottom lines:

When you have to wait, remember God is with you.
When you have to wait, remember what's true.
If you don't wait, it could cost you.
You can celebrate even when you're waiting.

We hope you have fun with these activities that help us learn the importance of patience and how it can help us see God's plan for our lives and the lives of those around us. You can use this kit as a family or include friends. The sky is the limit! We'd love to hear about how you've met the challenges via our Schweitzer Kids Facebook Group.

BIBLE PASSAGES AND ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITY 1: RESURRECTION ROLLS

LUKE 2:25-35

ACTIVITY 2: WHAT'S THAT RECIPE?

EXODUS 32:1-5

ACTIVITY 3: SHRINKY DINKS

GENESIS 25:24-34

ACTIVITY 4: CANDY MAZE

MATTHEW 21:1-11



Memory Verse:



**“WAIT FOR THE LORD;
BE STRONG AND
TAKE HEART AND
WAIT FOR THE LORD.”**

PSALM 27:14, NIV

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Activity #1: Resurrection Rolls

(Adult Supervision Needed)



Materials: Pre-made crescent roll dough, large marshmallow, cinnamon/sugar, butter, oven, timer, parchment paper, baking sheet, measuring spoons, 2 shallow dishes.

Instructions:

1. Open your crescent roll dough package and separate the dough into triangles along the perforated line. There should be approximately 8 rolls per package.
2. Melt $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of butter in a shallow dish.
3. Mix 1 Tablespoon of cinnamon and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of sugar together in another bowl.
4. Roll 1 large marshmallow in the butter, followed by the cinnamon sugar mixture. Place the coated marshmallow closest to the larger end of the crescent roll dough.
5. Roll the dough up, around the coated marshmallow until the entire marshmallow is hidden.
6. Place the roll on a baking sheet covered with parchment paper.
7. Repeat steps 4-6 with the remaining crescent rolls.
8. Bake at 375°F for 10-15 minutes or until the tops are golden brown. While the rolls bake answer the questions below.
9. Allow the rolls to cool once out of the oven.
10. Be sure to look at the inside of your rolls before eating them all ;)

Questions:

- What do you think will happen to the marshmallow while it bakes? What does it represent?
- Describe what a patient person looks like?
- What steps can you take to becoming a more patient person?
- When is it difficult to celebrate while you wait?

Bible Story:

Luke 2: 25-35

Application:

While this activity was a delicious one, there is a deeper meaning to each ingredient used. After Jesus, represented by the marshmallow, died he was anointed with oils, which in our example was cinnamon, sugar, and butter, and placed in the tomb, shown by crescent rolls. He didn't stay in the tomb because 3 days later He rose again! This is represented by the disappearing marshmallow inside the crescent roll. Was it hard to wait for the rolls to come out of the oven? Imagine what it would have been like to be a discipline hoping and waiting on Jesus. It had to have been sad, confusing, scary, and hard. But, because Jesus rose from the grave, we know that He is with us whenever and wherever we wait. Even when it is extremely difficult to wait for something, remember that God is with you, and He cares.

Pray:

"God, we know that You are always with us, but when things get tough and our patience is tested, we can forget that You're there. When it gets tough to wait, help us remember that You are with us and will help us have patience. Thank You, God, for being with us and never leaving us. We love You. In Jesus' name, we pray, amen."

Activity 1: Bottom Line



Activity 1: Key Question



Activity #2: What's that Recipe?

Materials: Recipe Pages

Instructions:

1. Read off phrases from the recipe cards (a few ingredients, parts of the directions) without giving away what the recipe is.
2. Ask the kids to guess what the recipe makes.
3. Give clues if needed.
4. You can also use more recipes from your own family cookbooks
5. Choose a recipe to make together
6. Complete recipe
7. Wait for it to bake
8. Enjoy!

Questions:

- Could you tell what the recipe was going to make by just a few phrases from the card?
- Was it hard to have patience when completing this activity?
- What is something that you are struggling to have patience with right now?
- How can remembering what's true help you?

Bible Story:

Exodus 32: 1-5

Application:

When you first heard pieces of the recipe it was difficult to see what you could be making. But with a little bit of patience as you gathered more information, you slowly began to get a clear picture of what the recipe would make. Sometimes God makes us wait so we can see Him more clearly in our daily lives. Everyone is patiently waiting for something and it is important to remember that God is always with you and He is watching over you, even when you wait.

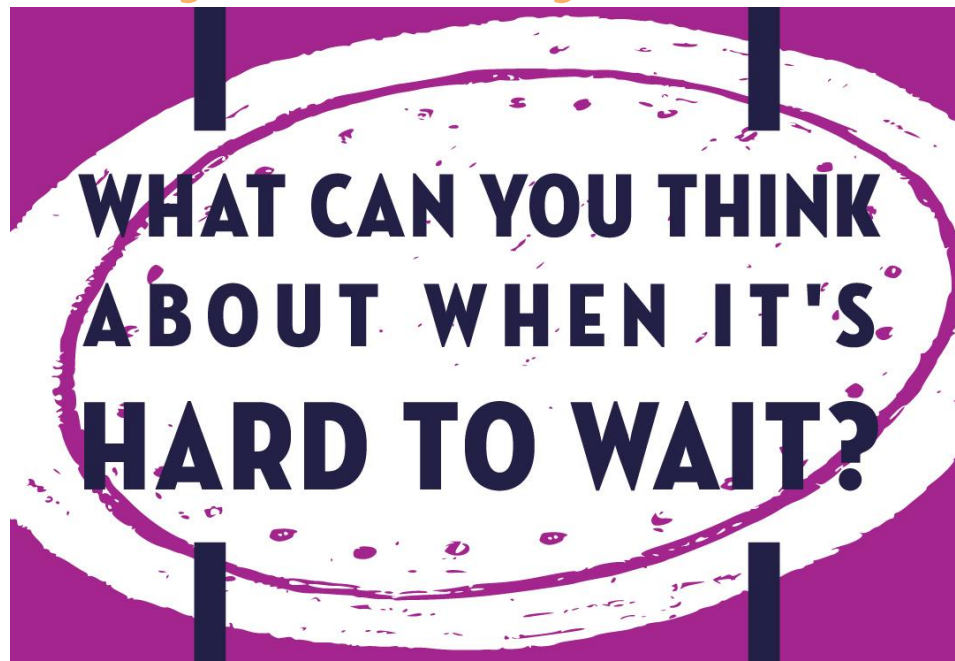
Pray:

“Dear God, You ARE faithful and true. We can count on You, no matter what. Even when we have to wait, we need to remember what's true: You are with us, You have a plan, and we can always trust You. Sometimes it's so easy to forget that, so help us to remember what's true—even when we have to wait. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name, amen.”

Activity 2: Bottom Line



Activity 2: Key Question



Activity #3: Shrinky Dinks

(Adult Supervision Needed)

Materials: Shrinky dink paper ([available on amazon](#)), colored pencils/markers, oven, foil, baking sheet, timer, scissors

Instructions:

1. Color in the image on the shrinky dink paper.
2. Cut along the outer black lines of the image.
3. Place the image color side up on a foil-lined baking tray.
4. Bake for 1-3 minutes at 325°F. Watch carefully as your artwork begins to shrink into a keychain-sized piece.
5. Once the edges curl up in the oven they will begin to flatten again. After they flatten down, leave the shrinky dink in the oven for 30 more seconds.
6. Take out of the oven and allow to cool.
7. Once cooled, place the key chain in the punched out hole.
8. Enjoy your new homemade keychain!

Questions:

- Why did you need to have patience for this activity?
- Why do you think waiting is so hard for everybody?
- What is a situation where you missed out on something because you didn't wait?

Bible Story:

Genesis 25: 24-34

Application:

This activity is a fun way to show that **if you don't wait, it could cost you**. If the shrinky dink art does not get left in long enough, the edges will curl up and the picture may not turn out the way you thought it would. When you think you are done waiting, sometimes God wants you to be a little more patient. God has an amazing plan for your life and He is teaching you something in your time of waiting. Even though it can be hard, it is always worth the wait whenever God completes His plan. God always fulfills his promises and they are worth the wait!

Pray:

"Dear God, we need Your help. Waiting isn't always easy, but we know the benefits of waiting on You are much better than the consequences of losing our cool. Let us learn a lesson from Esau's foolish and impatient choice. When we think we can't wait, help us stop and remember what it might cost us if we don't listen and follow You. In Jesus' name, amen."

Activity 3: Bottom Line



Activity 3: Key Question



Activity #4: Candy Maze

Materials: Several Hershey's kisses candies, Rollable Items (Marshmallow, coin, peppermint), Flat surface, stopwatch/timer (straws, pom poms)

Instructions:

1. The objective of this activity is to see which object can make it through your miniature candy race the fastest.
2. Set up your Hershey kiss candies on a flat surface as if they are small cones. You can create a maze or a relay race.
3. Choose which rollable item you would like to start with. Start your stopwatch and roll your item through the Hershey kisses as fast as you can.
4. Pick another item to roll through the Hershey kiss maze/relay race. Use your stopwatch to time this item too.
5. Continue rolling your items and timing them until you have used every item.
6. Look to see which item had the quickest time.
7. Clean up your maze or relay race.

*For an additional challenge, create a maze using cardboard and see how fast you can use a straw to blow a pom pom through it!

Questions:

- Which item did you think would be the fastest to roll through your maze?
- Which item took the longest to roll through the Hershey kisses?
- Did it take patience to roll the items instead of picking them up or tossing them instead?
- How can you celebrate while you are waiting?

Bible Story:

Matthew 21: 1-11

Application:

It is important to remember that Jesus is with you even while you wait. He died for you and me and because of that we can celebrate while we wait! Sometimes celebrating doesn't look like a huge party, but more of a quiet inside celebration. Thanking God for what He has done and what He will do in the future. In our activity, did you celebrate after you accomplished rolling an item through your maze or relay race? If not, I encourage you to try to beat your fastest time and celebrate at the finish line. The little things in your life are important and can be celebrated too!

Pray:

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus, just as You promised. We know that You're working through us to show Your love to the world. Even while we wait to see Your story unfold, help us celebrate what You've already done—and what You continue to do in and around us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Activity 4: Bottom Line



Activity 4: Key Question

