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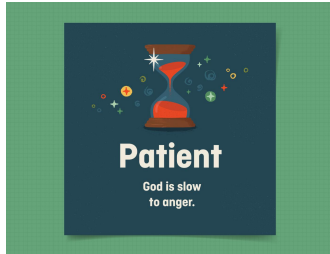
CAPTURE MOMENTS



AND CELEBRATE MILESTONES



TOGETHER



BIBLE STORY

Jesus Appears to the Disciples
John 20:19–29

BIG TRUTH

God is Patient.
He is slow to anger.

NOTE TO PARENTS

This year, we are going to use our Timeline to walk through God's Big Story in the Bible. This is the story of God and His people. It is the story of God rescuing His children and making a way for them to be with Him forever. It is the story that makes up the whole Bible. The Bible is one book made up of hundreds of stories that all point to who God is and what He has done.

As we walk through God's Big Story this year, we will learn some of God's attributes. An attribute is a word that tells us what someone or something is like. God tells us who He is and what He is like in the Bible, His true Word. Every story, person, place, and event in the Bible is true. Each week we will learn stories about God, and these stories will show us who God is.

Today, we learned about Jesus appearing to His disciples after He was raised from the dead! Thomas, one of His disciple's was not there, and did not believe that Jesus was alive. Jesus was patient with Thomas and showed Thomas His wounded hands and side.



TIME

Centering the home on God's Word

After this week's lesson, ask:

1. What attribute of God did you learn about today? *God is patient.*
2. What does it mean for God to be patient? *God is slow to anger.*
3. How was Jesus patient with Thomas? *He let Thomas touch His hands and side when Thomas had a hard time believing it was really Jesus.*
4. How does knowing that God is patient help us to trust Him? *Even though we are sinners, God is patient with us and sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. God is patient. He is slow to anger. He is slow to get angry with our doubts and our failures.*

Read John 20:19–29 as a family. Talk about which testament, book, chapter, and verse this passage is found in.

1. What words in this passage do you not recognize or understand?
2. How did Jesus show the disciples that it was really Him after He was raised from the dead? *He showed them His hands and side that had been wounded when He died on the cross.*
3. Which disciple was not with them when Jesus appeared? *Thomas*
4. What was Thomas's response when the disciples told him they had seen Jesus alive? *He did not believe them. He said he would only believe them if he could place his finger into the mark of the nails and place his hand into Jesus' side.*
5. What did Jesus do to help Thomas believe? *Eight days later, He appeared to the disciples, including Thomas. Jesus told Thomas to put his finger in His wounds. Thomas believed it was Jesus, His Lord!*
6. As a family, how can we show one another patience (being slow to anger)?

Spend time reading the following verses:

- Exodus 34:6
- Psalms 103:8
- Joel 2:13
- 2 Peter 3:9



MOMENTS

Proclaiming the truth as you go

- In a developmentally appropriate way, talk to your kids about how God has been patient with you. You can talk about your own testimony of salvation, or when you have made mistakes and God was patient with you.. Remind them that God is patient. He is slow to anger.
- Play it! Play Jenga or Kerplunk with your kids this week. These games require concentration, slowness, and patience. As you play, remind your kids that God is patient and slow to anger.
- If your kids are struggling to be patient with their siblings, friends, or waiting for something, remind them that God is patient. He is slow to anger, and we can ask God to help us be more like Him.

PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY Praise God that He is patient! Thank Him that He is slow to anger, even when we sin against Him. Confess that sometimes you are not patient with other people. Ask Him to help you remember that even when you sin, you can go to God and ask Him for forgiveness because of what Jesus has done.

MEMORY VERSE

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (ESV)