



KIDS FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE for May 29th - June 4th

Acts In 30:

Family Activity: Red Light “Wait” Light

Play a simple game of “Red Light Green Light,” except, change the phrase “red light” to “wait”. When you say “wait” and everybody stops make sure you wait a good 20-30 seconds in between intervals. Most kids do not like waiting, especially, during a game. This will help with the discussion. Also, make a point to have the kids keep their eyes on the person saying “green light.” This will help the Focus point on Micah 7:7.

FOCUS: Acts 1:3-10

Wait For The Promise

*“And while staying with them, Jesus ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem but to **wait** for the promise...”*

BIG IDEA 1 – During the 40-day period Jesus remained on the Earth after his resurrection, he commanded his disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they received the Holy Spirit on Pentecost/Shavuot. Waiting is something that regularly shows up in God’s instructions throughout the Bible. If we do not wait on the Lord and his timing, we tend to do things on our own strength instead of with God’s strength. Patience and waiting are core-characteristics of a disciple of Jesus and a Fruit of the Spirit. It’s a good thing the disciples waited on the Lord’s timing before witnessing in Jerusalem.

Q1-What are some things that are really hard to wait for? Why do you think patience and waiting are so important for a follower of Jesus to have? What are some things that are better when you wait the proper amount of time for it?

FOCUS: Micah 7:7

Stay Focused On God While You Wait

*“But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will **wait** for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.”*

BIG IDEA 2 – God’s timing will not always make sense to us. Usually, when God makes a promise to us, we really want that promise to happen quickly because God’s promises are good! God is always trying to create in us a heart that looks more like Jesus, and Jesus is really patient. But there’s only one way to grow in patience and that’s by waiting! Just like Micah says in the verse above, “I will look to the Lord” we, too, must keep our “eyes” on the Lord.

Q2- We obviously can’t “see” God with our own eyes so, what does Micah mean when he says, “I will look to the Lord.” If you’re waiting on God for something, what are some ways you can stay focused and not become distracted or frustrated while you wait?

FOCUS: Isaiah 40:28-31

Waiting Makes Us Stronger

*Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope (**wait**) in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”*

BIG IDEA 3 – Everyone gets tired at some point, right? We can especially get tired when we have to wait for some thing we’re excited about, in fact, that can be the worst time we have to wait! Isaiah tells us that when we do things God’s way, it’s actually the opposite. Instead of getting more and more tired by waiting, we actually get renewed, refreshed and grow stronger by waiting! Growing in patience is essential to handle the things God wants to give you. If you can’t wait for it, then you may not be ready for it, and that is what God is protecting us from. When we wait on God, we grow stronger.

Q3- Is there some thing you’re currently waiting for, if so, what is it? Do you feel like you grow stronger the longer you wait or, do you get more frustrated the longer you wait? Name 3 things that can help us wait more patiently.

