

Kindergarten - 5th Grade

Here's What Is Happening On Sundays in April

Waiting is a part of life. Thankfully, we don't have to wait on our own. Through the Holy Spirit, God can help us experience the patience we need to wait well. After all, God is patient with us. God is in control and knows what's best for us. Even though God's people had been waiting for years for the promised Savior, at just the right time, God sent Jesus. Because we're created in God's image, we can reflect God's patience in our lives. We can be patient when we remember what God has done. We can lean on God's Holy Spirit to give us the strength we need to trust God and show patience with the difficult circumstances in our lives.

It can be difficult to find patience while you're waiting for something important—or even something that's not important. At its core, patience is about trust: trusting people to follow through... trusting that a process will run smoothly...and most of all, trusting that God has our best in mind and that God's timing is better than our own. Thankfully, as we follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit is helping us grow and transform to become more like Jesus. This transformation includes growing in our ability to trust that God will be with us while we wait. As we follow Jesus and trust God, we will grow in patience. **Patience is waiting until later for what you want now.**



APRIL MEMORY VERSE

"Wait for the Lord. Be strong and don't lose hope. Wait for the Lord."

Psalm 27:14 (NirV)

What We're Learning Each Week

- **April 7:** In **Proverbs 14:29**, we will learn that **waiting can make you wise** as we discuss our many opportunities in life that we have to wait.
- **April 14:** Esau gives us a great example in **Genesis 25:24-34** about **when you think you can't wait, think twice**. He learns the hard way about the consequences of not being patient.
- **April 21:** Moses met with God on Mount Sinai in **Exodus 32:1-35**, and while he was doing so, his people became impatient and decided to worship other Gods. They remind us how important it is **when you have to wait, remember what's true**.
- **April 28:** Simeon waits for the Messiah in **Luke 2:25-35**, showing us how **God is with you while you wait**.

GodTime Devos

The GodTime devotionals are available on our website or on Sunday mornings back on the table in The Hub. The GodTime Devotionals are separated by Grade: 1st, 2nd-3rd & 4th-5th grades.

Some days the kids can do them individually, and other days might require some parent help. Each day takes around 5-10 minutes. The GodTime devotionals are great ways to strengthen the bond between you, your child, and their growing relationship with the Lord.

Monthly Amazon Gift Card Drawing

Each month, we have an opportunity for the kids to earn tickets towards a gift card drawing. The kids can earn these tickets by doing their weekly GodTime devotional and by memorizing their memory verse.

For each day the kids do in their devotional, they are given a ticket in the drawing. All you have to do is email Shannon Carley (scarley@atthrive.com) by 9pm on Saturday evening to let her know which child did their devotional and how many days they completed for that week.

Their efforts will be displayed during church the following Sunday and will be entered in for a chance to earn an Amazon gift card at the end of the month.

