



First, watch
this week's
video!

Patience:
Waiting until
later for what
you want now

Memory Verse

Wait for the Lord.
Be strong and
don't lose hope.
Wait for the Lord.
Psalm 27:14, NIV

Bible Story

Palm Sunday
Matthew 21:1-11

Bottom Line

You can celebrate
even when
you're waiting.

Use this guide to help your family learn how
God can help us to be patient.

Activity

Celeb-Waiting

What You Need:

Two sheets of paper, green crayon or
marker, writing utensil, scissors

What You Do:

Draw a palm branch on each sheet
of paper—but don't color them in yet.
(If you need to, search online for an
image of a palm branch.)

Tell your child, "These are palm
branches. On each leaf, let's write
down different things we can celebrate
every day." Fill in one branch yourself,
and let your child fill in the other one.
Provide some ideas if your child needs
help (for example: health, family,
friends, food, shelter, clean water,
Jesus, etc.).

Say, "Let's color our palm branches and
then cut them out." (If your child isn't
proficient with scissors yet, you may
have to help them with the cutting.)

Once you both have your palm
branches cut out, spend a few minutes
using them to make up a family dance.
Play your favorite worship song or
other fun, upbeat music.

Say, "Just like the people in our story, we
always have something to celebrate—
even when we're waiting. The next
time we have to wait, let's remember
our family celebration dance!"

Talk About the Bible Story

What were the people waiting for in the story? (for
God to send them a Savior)

Were the people in the story able to celebrate even
though they were still waiting? (Yes!)

What are you waiting for right now?

What can you celebrate today, even as you wait?

*Parent: Talk about a time when you were able to
celebrate while waiting. Talk about how much better
the result was, because you were able to celebrate
and be thankful for something while you had to wait.*



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about
the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, waiting is not always fun. While we're waiting,
being thankful is often the LAST thing on our minds.
Help us to remember that there are always reasons to
celebrate—even if we don't have what we want right
now. Thank You for being patient with us. We love You.
In Jesus' name, amen."