



Slime Time

God Chooses Abraham

BIG IDEA: God keeps His promises, so I can wait patiently for Him

BIBLE BASIS: Genesis 15:1–6; 17:1–8; 18:1–19; 21:1–6

KEY VERSE: “The Lord is faithful and will keep all of his promises. He is loving toward everything he has made.” Psalm 145:13b (NlrV)

★ CONNECT TIME

SLIME TIME STORY PICTURE

For the next 3 weeks, we’re going to be hearing some stories from the ooey and gooey side of the Bible. The best part is that we’re going to help tell the stories by creating some slime (or playdoh if you don’t have slime) pictures.

Directions: Give a lump of slime or playdoh to each family member and assign them an object to create.

- Star
- Clock
- Laughing face
- Baby

While your group is working on their slime/playdoh pictures or objects, ask the following questions:

Question: Is it easy or hard for you to wait patiently for things? Why?

★ JOURNEY TODAY SHOW VIDEO

Watch the video online. Have your Bible handy to look up our story for today.



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★ APPLICATION ACTIVITY

SLAP THE SLIME/PLAYDOH

Sometimes we can get frustrated with God because we think He has promised us something that He really hasn't. If we're going to wait patiently for God, it's important for us to know what God does and does not promise to give us. So we're going to have a little competition to figure that out.

Directions: Place the slime or playdoh that you used earlier to form the pictures on the cookie sheet in the middle of the group. Choose two family members to face off. Have each of them sit or kneel on either side of the slime/playdoh with their hands behind their back. Read one of the "God's Promise/Not Promise" statements from below. The two competitors will have to quickly decide if that statement is a promise from God or not. When one person thinks they know the answer, they will have to slap the slime in the middle. The first one to slap the slime will give their answer. After they give their answer, ask everyone if they agree with that and why or why not. After you've talked about it for a little bit, tell the answer. If the statement was a promise from God, have someone look up the Bible reference and read it aloud. Repeat the above instructions until you have read all of the statements. When finished with the statements, ask the questions below.

GOD'S PROMISE OR NOT PROMISE STATEMENTS

- If you pray to God. He will always hear what you say. PROMISE (Ps 116:1)
- If you follow God really closely, your life will be really easy. NOT PROMISE
- God will always give you everything you need. PROMISE (Phil 4:19)
- God will comfort you when you are sad. PROMISE (Jer 49:13)
- If you love God with your whole heart, you will never be sad. NOT PROMISE
- If you pray for something really hard, God will give it to you. NOT PROMISE
- God will love you always, no matter what you do wrong. PROMISE (Rom 8:39)
- God will always give you everything you want. NOT PROMISE
- God will stop people from ever hurting you. NOT PROMISE
- God will always be with you, no matter where you go. PROMISE (Josh 1:9)
- God will make you good at everything you try. NOT PROMISE
- If you believe Jesus has died for you and you choose to follow Him, you'll have eternal life. PROMISE (Rom 6:23)
- God will give you strength when you feel weak. PROMISE (Isa 40:29)
- Everyone will go to heaven, no matter what they believe. NOT PROMISE

For Younger Kids:

Question: Is it hard for you to be patient or is it easy? Can you tell a story about a time when you were really patient?

Question: Out of all the promises we just talked about, do you have a favorite? (*You might want to repeat some of the promises for the kids.*) Why is that your favorite?



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Question: Why do you think we sometimes have a hard time waiting for God to give us what He has promised?

For Older Kids:

Question: Have you ever been frustrated because you felt like God didn't answer your prayer? Is it possible that you just needed to be more patient? Is it possible that you were expecting God to give you something He didn't promise to give you?

Question: Which of the promises that we talked about do you think you need to remember the most often?

Question: Why do you think we sometimes have a hard time waiting for God to give us what He's promised?

Sometimes it's really hard to be patient with God. Even Abraham and Sarah had a hard time being patient. But when we remember that God always keeps His promises, it helps us to be more patient. No matter how long it takes, God will always do what He says.



PRAYER & PRAISE

Spend your last few minutes identifying praise and requests to pray. Have the kids write them down or draw pictures on post-its. Go around to each family member and pray them out loud. Put them on a wall somewhere visible so that you can see how God is answering prayers.

