



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

King Saul Doesn't Wait on God

Take Home Point:

Wait on the Lord to help.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Why did kids hold an ice cube while telling about a time they had to wait for an answer or a problem to be fixed? *(As a reminder that sometimes waiting for God can be hard or uncomfortable.)* In the Bible event, who did not wait for God? *(Saul)* Who did wait for God? *(Jonathan)*

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Pass out treats to family members for a contest. Appoint someone timekeeper while everyone else guesses when a minute elapses. The closest to guessing the length of a minute gets to eat his treat. Contestants continue to play further rounds, rewarding a winner each time. Ask the following: Did a minute seem like a long time? Did it seem longer the more the game was played? How hard was it to wait to eat your treat?

READ THE BIBLE: Read 1 Samuel 13 and 14 from a Bible storybook about how King Saul offers an illegal sacrifice

KEY VERSE: Isaiah 40:31, *"Yet, the strength of those who wait with hope in the LORD will be renewed."*

TALK ABOUT IT: How long was Saul supposed to wait for Samuel to arrive and seek what the Lord wanted him to do? *(1 Samuel 13:8. Seven days.)* At the end of seven days, what did Saul do? *(1 Samuel 13:9. Performed the sacrifice himself.)* When Samuel arrived, he said that Saul had not obeyed God because he offered the sacrifice. What would happen to Saul's kingdom because of this? *(1 Samuel 13:14. The kingdom would be given to another king who loved God with his whole heart.)* Jonathan on the other hand waited on God. When he went to fight the Philistines, what sign did God give to show Jonathan that he would hand over the Philistines in defeat? *(2 Samuel 14:10. If the Philistines said to him, "Come up here.")* Jonathan and his arm bearer, with the help of God, defeated how many Philistines? *(2 Samuel 14:14. About 20 men.)*

Sometimes it takes time to see how God helps us. Instead of waiting, we get so worried that we want to fix everything ourselves and not pray to God. Share times when God helped fix a problem.

PRAYER POWER: Pray for specific ways your family needs to patiently wait for the Lord and expect his help.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

Family members share one of the prayer requests they have been praying for a long period. Plan a way for members to pray regularly for another person's specific request. This also helps them wait on the Lord. It is encouraging having another person praying along with you.

Kingdom Quest Year 3 - "Lookin' for a Leader" Lesson 7