



Lesson #1-13

Waiting and Watching

Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4, 3:[3b-6], 17-19

Key Verse:

Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Habakkuk 2:4

The Point:

Though waiting can be difficult, God always hears our prayers and responds.

Unit Theme (December 2—December 23)

Faith in God's Promises

Waiting Is Hard

Waiting for something exciting can be difficult.

You will need:

- † Timer
- † Simple snack or other treat

Preparation:

1. Before serving any food, always check with participants or caregivers for students who have food allergies. Provide an alternative if necessary.

Instructions:

1. Divide the class or larger group into small intergenerational groups.
2. **God's people had been waiting a very, very, very long time for the Messiah to**

come. Today we are going to begin with waiting.

3. **A minute can seem like a very long time, especially when you are young. But if you are able to wait patiently for a full minute without talking or giggling, the group will receive a reward. Do you think you can be silent and still for one minute? Let's try it!** Set a timer for one minute.
4. Distribute the snack as a reward. Discuss how waiting felt as they eat.
5. **Was waiting worth the reward? Imagine how God's people felt waiting for the Messiah through all of their difficult times! Sometimes it seemed the Savior would never come.**

Protecting the Vulnerable (Continued)

Explore justice for the oppressed today.