

## A Family of Patience

OBJECTIVE: To read and discuss what God says about patience.

Feasting on the Word:

Genesis 12:1-5, then 17:15-17, then 21:1-3 (Abraham's patience)

Ephesians 4:1-3

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

Family Discussion:

What promises did God make to Abraham when he was 75 years old?

How old was Abraham when his son, Isaac, was finally born?

So, how long did Abraham have to wait for God's promise to start coming true? God promised to make Abraham's family into a great nation.

How long do you think it took for that promise to come true? (days? Months? Years? Centuries?)

Read what Hebrews 6:13-15 says about Abraham!

Next time you have to wait awhile for something to happen, what can you do to make the waiting easier? Discuss some examples.

Sometimes, to have patience means to wait for something to happen, like Abraham did. Other times, to have patience means to be tolerant of other people.

What does

Ephesians 4:2 and 1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 mean?

Think of some situations when it is hard to be patient with a family member. How can you show patience to your family?

Challenge:

A proverb is a wise saying. Read these two proverbs about patience: Proverbs 14:29 and 15:18. Now let each family member make up his or her own wise saying about patience.