Patience, LJ!

GOD'S WORD

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control."

Galatians 5:22–23 (WEB)



THE STORY

LJ plants a bean seed and checks it every morning, but there's nothing but dirt, so he digs it right out. Mom says seeds grow down in the dark where we can't see, and that patience is waiting with a happy heart (Galatians 5:22). Dad tells how he waited all summer for his grandpa's tomatoes, and big sister Londyn makes LJ a waiting chart: water, add a sticker, no digging. On the seventh morning, a tiny green sprout appears!

Grandma tells how Noah waited on the ark until a dove brought back an olive leaf and God said it was time (Genesis 8:1–22).

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

1. Why did LJ dig his seed out of the dirt? Is waiting hard for you too?
2. Little Dad waited all summer for his grandpa's tomatoes. What helped LJ wait for his sprout?
3. Noah waited for God's perfect time. What are you waiting for, and how can you wait with a happy heart?

PRAY TOGETHER

God, waiting is hard for me sometimes. Thank You that You are always working, even when I can't see it. Help me wait with a happy heart, like Noah waited for Your perfect time. Amen.

TRY THIS WEEK

Plant a bean or seed in a cup together and make a waiting chart like Londyn's: water it each day, add a sticker, and no digging! While you wait, sing a song or say Galatians 5:22 together. Talk about other things your family is waiting for.

DRAW IT

Draw LJ's little sprout and his waiting chart, or draw something you are waiting for.

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