

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY
clubhouse
 DISCUSSION GUIDE

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The May 2021 issue of *Focus on the Family Clubhouse* explores the theme of **patience**. We learned to trust in God in the April issue; now we're turning our focus to waiting on His timing.

"Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way." —Psalm 37:7, ESV

After your child or grandchild has read the magazine, answer these questions as a family.

Out of Patience? (pp. 12-13)

- 1 Would you rather finish a project quickly or take extra time to do your best work? Does it depend on the project you're doing? Why?
- 2 When do you notice yourself losing patience more quickly? If you're hungry? Tired? Lonely? How can you fix this problem or adjust your reaction?
- 3 Read Proverbs 14:29. Have you ever made a "foolish" mistake because you weren't patient enough?



Wait Training (p. 14)

- 1 Has it ever felt like the clock was frozen? What were you waiting for?
- 2 When you feel impatient, do you get upset at objects or people around you? Why? Does it help?
- 3 Average Boy's day spiraled from one frustration to the next. What should he have done during his timeout in gym class?



Interwoven (pp. 20-21)

- 1 In the story Sophia says, "You kind of take pride in knowing you went through something hard and you got through alive." How do you feel when you finish a difficult task?
- 2 Is it harder to trust God with your money or your time? Why?
- 3 Weaving can be very repetitive, just like doing homework or practicing a sport. How do you deal with repetitive tasks? Do you find the rhythm enjoyable or boring?



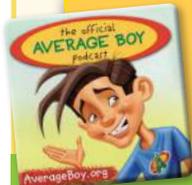
Tracks Toward Home (pp. 24-27)

- 1 Did you reach the #10 ending on your first read through the story? If not, can you figure out which choice led you down a less-positive path?
- 2 Have you ever asked, "Are we there yet?" on a long trip? What did you do while you waited?
- 3 After you solve the puzzle on page 27, discuss the Bible verse. What does it mean to "be still before the LORD"?



Family Prayer:

Lord, please give us patience to handle life's frustrations and unexpected challenges. Help us see the big picture, to stay calm and wait for Your perfect timing in all things. We trust that You are in control. Amen



Bonus! Listen to the "Official Average Boy" podcast about patience (episode #29) on iTunes or at AverageBoy.org.