BOTTOM LINE:

When you think you can't wait, think twice.

Read: Ecclesiastes 7:8

Waiting to Boil!

Something that requires a lot of patience is allowing water to boil! Have an adult help you boil some water on the stove. Before you start, talk about how much time you think it will take for the water to boil. Will it take seconds, minutes, hours? Stand by and wait to see how long it takes, remember to be patient!

ASK God to help you with your patience to keep you from "boiling over" when you're impatient.

Would You Rather?

Grab someone to read and talk through the following scenarios. Talk about how sometimes waiting always ends up being better!

- I. Would you rather one cookie now or a big slice of cake after dinner?
- 2. Would you rather watch a T.V. show now or your favorite movie later?
- 3. Would you rather get candy at the grocery store or an ice cream cone on the way home?

LOOK for times when waiting pays off and the ending is so much better!

Picture Patience

Read through Ecclesiastes 7:8 with someone. After you are done reading, draw a picture or talk about when waiting has paid off for you.

ASK God to give you opportunities to practice waiting for something better.

He Will Wait

Whether we have to only wait a few minutes for water to boil, or wait weeks or even months for something we really want, know that God will always wait for us, no matter how long it takes. He wants us to be part of His family when we are ready! Let's pray and thank God for His patience with us.

"Dear God, Thank You so much for sending Your Son to die for us. I know that He came to earth and died for me so that I can have a relationship with You. Thank You for having patience with me all the time, Lord. I pray that I can continue to work on my patience and know it's better when I wait until later for what I want now. I love You, Lord. Amen."

KNOW that God is always going to be patient and wait for you.

