



FAITH & FAMILY C O N N E C T I O N



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PATIENCE

Mo Willems, the beloved children's author, has a book called *Waiting is Not Easy!* In this book Piggie has a big surprise for his friend Gerald, the elephant. Gerald has to wait ALL day and finds it very hard and frustrating. He even gets angry, throws a fit, and feels like giving up. Piggie gently reminds him that this surprise will be worth the wait. In the end, when the time has finally come, Piggie takes Gerald to see the magnificent display of stars out at night. Gerald is awe-struck at the sight of this and agrees, it was worth the wait! Sometimes waiting on God to answer our prayers can make us act like Gerald. Romans 8:28 says, "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him." This does not mean that only good things will happen to us if we love God, but it does mean that even challenges and times of tribulation can be used for His glory. As we continue through Lent, we are reminded to put our focus on Jesus. Just like the disciples at the foot of the cross, even though we don't fully understand God's plan, we know that God is still in control and we can trust in Him because He is so worth it.

Ideas for Families:

- **Read & Discuss together:**
Exodus 14:14
- **Pray:** Dear God, in times of trouble, help me to trust in You and give me patience with myself and those around me in order to do Your will.

**"WAIT ON THE LORD; BE STRONG
AND TAKE HEART AND WAIT FOR
THE LORD."**

PSALM 27:14