

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

PATIENCE

There are plenty of things about being at a game that force us to be patient. For a weeknight game, we wait all day for the game and then wait in traffic to get there. For a Saturday game, teams wait for the previous game to be finished, and fans wait in lines at the concession stand.

Sometimes in life, in the process of waiting for and working toward what we strive for, we strikeout, we make errors, and we get frustrated and impatient when we don't succeed according to our standards and timetables.

Praise our Father in Heaven for knowing at just the right time to send His Son to step up to the plate, so to speak, and to take our place on the cross. What a waiting game that must have been for His disciples after Jesus died! In the greatest late inning rally of all time, Jesus came back to life, and He wipes the slate clean to save us from our imperfections -- like those times we aren't very patient with others before, during, and after games.

How might you encourage your child to "be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love" on and off the field?

MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had. - Romans 15:5

TRY IT AT HOME!

- **Practice** the memory verse at meal time or before bed with your kids.
- **Pray** before meals that your family would be patient with one another and with those around you.
- **Ask** your child to identify one way he or she could grow in patience this week. Be specific!



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