



Week 1
Waiting together

Which countries in the world need Christians to sit and wait beside them in prayer? Can you help other Christians do that together – perhaps organise a prayer vigil – at school, church or at home?	Have you got an egg timer or visual timer in your house or school? Use it to help you pause and wait. Find a time in the day where you can sit and watch the sand pour through.	Plant some bulbs or seeds during Lent. Wait for them to grow and blossom.
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Week 2
Waiting and moving

Think of a place where you have felt close to God. It is often easy to feel close to God in a church, cathedral or other place of worship, or out in nature. What places are special to you?	Set up a labyrinth on your playground using chalk or natural materials. Slowly walk its route thinking of the 'ows,' 'wows' and 'nows' of life. (Ows – things upsetting or wrong in the world. Wows – things that amaze and fill us with wonder in the world. Nows – the things we need God's help with now.)	Try out 'waiting for God in silence' in different spaces: do you / your friends / your family members find it easier to do at school/work, at home, outside or in a church building...? Why?
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Week 3
Waiting for the Holy Spirit

What 'waiting games' do you know to play together? Sleeping Lions? Wink Murder? What's the time, Mr Wolf?	Challenge: can you remember which 'waiting story' you explored in school and explain it to your family without looking it up?	Ask someone in your family: what are you waiting for at the moment? How do you feel about the waiting?
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Week 4
Waiting quietly

Find the Taizé song 'Wait for the Lord' online and play it in your bedroom on a walk, or somewhere where you are able to be quiet to help you slow down and be still. You may like to listen to it with others in your home, and afterwards talk about how it made you feel.	Find someone who needs you just to sit and wait quietly with them today at home or at school, like Jesus needed his friends to wait with him in the Garden of Gethsemane.	Talk with a trusted adult about how time out helps them. Share where you feel most at peace and closest to God.
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Week 5
Waiting for God's help

Invite someone from the church to come and help turn your school garden into an Easter Garden for the last week of term.	Find the oldest person you can at church or home: ask them what's the longest time they've had to wait for something.	Talk to someone older than you and tell them what helps you when you are waiting for something. Ask them if they have any top tips.
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Week 6
Waiting for Easter

Which Bible story from school worship during Lent have you found most puzzling or powerful? See if you can share that story with someone at church.	If your school has created some beautiful artwork or prayer space ideas, could they be moved into the church building for the Easter holidays?	Sit by the Easter garden at your church or school. Imagine what it was like between Good Friday and Easter Sunday... for Jesus' friends... for the Romans... for the chief priests... for Jesus...
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Week 7
Celebrating Easter at home and at church

What's the best Easter song you sing in school: can you suggest you sing it at church?	And what about a song you love from church: could you suggest singing it at school?	Suggest to your church leader that you pray one of the prayers from school in the Easter church service
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