

Waiting For Something Great Story

Dad: "I have a surprise to tell you about," Dad told Sam and Mom. "One week from today, we are going on a vacation to Play Park!"

Sam: "Really! Sam said hugging his dad. "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I have been wanting to go there for three years! Now finally, I get to go!"

Narrator: Dad grinned as he watched Sam jump up and down.

Dad: "Would you like to invite Shawn with you so you will have someone your age to go on the rides with?"

Sam: "Oh yes, I'm going to call him right now! Thanks."

Narrator: The next day, Sam was miserable.

Mom: "What's wrong Sam?"

Sam: "I have to wait six whole days until we get to go to Play Park. I can't wait, it seems like that day will never get here."

Mom: "When you have to wait, make it easier on yourself by playing the Waiting Game. Think about what you can do between now and then to make the time go faster."

Sam: "Well, I could...let's see...I could set up a lemonade stand down on the corner each day and make some spending money for the trip. Maybe Shawn will help me."

Mom: "Good idea!" I'm make some lemonade.

Narrator: "Finally, the day came for the big trip. They had only ridden in the care for 30 minutes when Sam said:

Sam: "How much longer till we get to Play Park, Mom? It's boring to ride in the car. I'd rather be riding on the roller coaster!"

Mom: "Oh, it's two more hours until we get there. Maybe you boys should play the Waiting Game."

Narrator: "So the boys thought about what they could do to pass the time until they got there. First, they played the Animal Game. That's where you name all the animals that start with an "A" until someone can't think of one. That meant the other person wins. Then they played again with the "B" words, and so on."



“Later on they played the Sign Game. They took turns finding words on signs that begin with the letters A to Z. They were having fun when all of a sudden, Dad said:”

Dad: “Look! There’s Play Park!”

Narrator: “Sam and Shawn were so excited. They could hardly wait to ride the Rip Roaring Roller Coaster. After they parked, a shuttle bus picked them up in the parking lot and took them to the entrance. They couldn’t believe what they saw. It was a long, long line of gray-haired adults.”

Shawn: “Oh, no! Look at the long line!”

Sam: “Well, it looks like we will have to play the Waiting Game again just to get into the park!”

Narrator: “It was a good thing that Sam and Shawn learned how to wait patiently because they had come to Play Park on Senior Citizens Get in Free Day!”

