One way to show time passing quickly in your story is to use parallel sentences – sentences that have the same structure. Here’s an example from chapter 6 of *The King Will Make a Way*: “The spring rain showered. The summer heat scorched. The fall apples ripened. The lake froze. The flowers bloomed. The corn was knee high. The harvest was gathered. Eggs hatched; bees buzzed; leaves tumbled.”

Choose a time of year and write parallel sentences that tell your audience when you are talking about. It doesn’t have to be a season. It could be Christmas time for example. Don’t say it outright. Describe the time of year. Try to use all five senses!

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