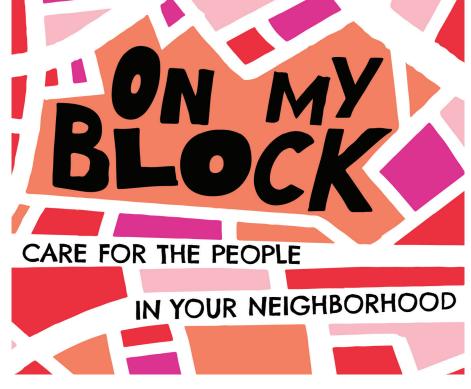
Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

WHAT'S
YOUR PURPOSE
IN LIFE?

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Day 1

Go to bit.ly/SundaysAtHomePreteen and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

After watching,	write one thing that:	
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1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

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A Devotional on Compassion

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Day 2

Read Luke 4:14-24, 28-30

As you read Luke 4:14-24, 28-30, underline all of the different locations Jesus goes in these passages (towns, buildings, even places in buildings).

If you were to follow Jesus throughout just this passage, you'd end up a lot of different places! But when we talk about following Jesus, we don't mean literally following Him around the world, do we? **Following Jesus means caring about others the way He did.**

Go back and re-read the passages and circle the ways the prophet Isaiah mentioned that Jesus cared for others. If you were to follow Jesus throughout this passage, you'd end up caring for a lot of different people!

Compassion is caring enough to do something about someone else's

Day 3

need.

But sometimes it's hard to know what that "something" is that you should do. Praying for others is a really important way to care for them!

Pray for someone in need.

Pray for someone struggling to break

free from something hard.

Pray for someone who has physical

struggles (such as someone who is sick).

Pray for someone who is bullied.

Close your prayer by thanking Jesus

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for caring for you and others.

Day 4

Jesus is able to be all things to all people, because He is God's Son!

You can't be all things to all people, but that doesn't mean that you don't have a purpose. In fact, **you do have a purpose, and a specific way that God has gifted you to care for others.** You may just be figuring that out, so take some time today to ask people around you what they see in you.

Pick three or four people to interview, and ask them:

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- **1.** What is a talent I have that I can use to serve others?
- 2. What is a personality or character trait that I have that I can use to serve others?
- **3.** How can I potentially put these God-given gifts together to care for others?

Be sure and write down what they say, and save your notes for tomorrow!

Day 5

What's your purpose in life?

Pull out the notes that you took yesterday. Compare everyone's answers. Were there a lot of overlaps? If so, it should make this next step pretty easy:

Look back at day three—at the people you prayed for. Then look at the answers you got for question three yesterday. How can you put your talents and character traits to work together to help someone in need?

Fill out the plan on your notes from vesterday:

Person's name:
Person's struggle:
My talent: My personality/character trait:
How I can do something about their need:
When can I do this?
What will I need to do it?
Now it's time to put it into action!