Journal

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



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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:	
1. You liked:	

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

A Devotional on Knowledge.

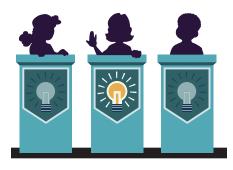
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Read Matthew 2:1-12

Before reading Matthew 2:1-12, try to fill in the blanks below. This is a summary, so not everything is exact! If you get stuck, feel free to look up the verses.

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After \_\_\_ \_\_ was born, \_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_ Men came searching for Him, following a \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_. When King \_\_\_ \_\_ heard about it, he was very \_\_\_ \_\_ ... He asked the teachers of the law where the Messiah was going to be born. Then \_\_\_ \_\_ sent the \_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_ Men to Bethlehem in search of the child \_\_\_ \_\_ \_\_\_, demanding they report back to him. The men continued on their way, following the \_\_\_ \_\_ until it stopped over the place where \_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ was. They bowed down and worshipped Him and gave Him gifts of \_\_\_ \_\_\_, frankincense. and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ ... \_\_\_ ... ... ... .



## Day 3

# The wise men had the star to lead them as they searched for Jesus.

We don't have a star, but we do have a powerful tool as we search for Jesus: prayer! We can ask God to help us as we search for what's true and to get to know Jesus better. Why not start now?

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Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be my Savior and to show me how to live. And thank You for giving me knowledge about You and Jesus that can change my life as I continue searching for what's true. Sometimes it's hard to know exactly what is true and what I should do, so please guide me. And please help me to continue to search for the truth no matter what. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

## Day 4

#### Never stop searching for what's true.

There are so many ways to grow in our knowledge of God—and one way is to talk about God with others. When you go to Small Group at church, or talk about God with your family, or simply ask a parent a question about God, you are searching for what's true.

Today, go around and interview a few people, and ask them this question. Write down their answers as you go.

What truth have you learned about God?

When you get done with your interviews, sit down with the list of answers you collected and think about them using the following questions:

- Were there any truths that you've also learned about God?
- Is there anything someone told you about God that is new information to you?
- Where can you go to find answers?

You'll use these answers tomorrow too, so make sure you save them.



### What are some things that are true?

A great way to grow in your understanding of God is to journal about things you're learning about God. Today you can journal using the things you learned from others yesterday, as well as any other truths you've learned recently. There are lots of ways to journal, so if the idea of a notebook and pen doesn't appeal to you, try one of these ways to reflect on truths about God:

Get different sheets of construction paper (or you can use white paper and different color pens), tear them into scraps and write truths about God. Then use them to either make a collage, put them in a jar to pull out from time to time, or use magnets to place them around your house.

Use a device to create a video journal. Just press record and film yourself talking about what you've been experiencing.

Get a dry erase marker and write the truths on your bathroom mirror.

Open the Notes app on your device and begin making a list of all the things. You can even set a reminder on your device for each day to prompt you to add to the list as you continue to learn more about God!