Journal

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



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Week Three Preteen



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:

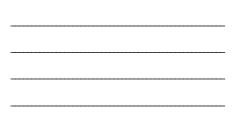
3. You'd like to know:

Day 2

Read John 1:19-42

John the Baptist had been preparing the way for Jesus, but even still, people sometimes confused him for the Messiah. As you read John 1:19-42, look for the ways that John points out the differences between him and Jesus. Underline the things that he says are true about himself and circle the things that he says are true of Jesus.

Did you discover anything new about Jesus or John the Baptist as you read? If so, write it here:





Day 3

When you discover something new, it can change you.

But it's important to note the "can" part of that truth. Because not everyone will allow truth to change them. Think about the way that the religious leaders responded to Jesus' claim to be the Messiah—they didn't believe it. And then John's followers heard Jesus' words—and they didn't like it. But men like John, Andrew, Peter, and more—discovered Who Jesus was, and it changed them. It changed their lives forever!

Talk to God now and ask for:

- God to help you learn more about Jesus
- An open heart to recognize what's true
- The courage to change if that's what you need.

Thank God for sending Jesus to be the Truth that changes our life forever!

Day 4

When you discover something new, it can change you.

Have you ever learned a new language? Whether you're learning something like Spanish or pig Latin, when you learn a new way to speak, it changes you! In fact, there are many scientific studies that show that languages actually shape the way we think!

Find a friend who can help you translate this coded message with a truth about God. After you solve the puzzle, take some time to talk with each other about the revealed truth. Is this a new truth for you? If it is, how might it change you? If it's not new, how have you seen it change your life or the life of others?

Puzzle:

20, 8, 5 12, 15, 18, 4 7, 9, 22, 5, 19 23, 9, 19, 4, 15, 13. 11, 14, 15, 23, 12, 5, 4, 7, 5 1, 14, 4 21, 14, 4, 5, 18, 19, 20, 1, 14, 4, 9, 14, 7 3, 15, 13, 5 6, 18, 15, 13 8, 9, 19 13, 15, 21, 20, 8.

Code:

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X Y Z 24 25 26

> Answer: The Lord gives wisdom. Knowledge and understanding come from his mouth.



When have you discovered something new about God or Jesus? And what was it?

Of course, just discovering something new about Jesus isn't the end, it's just the beginning! Maybe it was that He came to save you—so you decided to put your trust in Him. Or maybe it was that He came to save everyone—so you decided to share that truth with someone else.

How have you been changed by something new that you learned about God? If you haven't been changed, what is one step toward becoming more like Jesus that you could take today?

There's so much to discover about God

that can change us!
