### 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 <u>https://bit.ly/PreteenSun-</u> <u>daysatHome</u> 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:
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n,	2. You learned:
	3. You'd like to know:

A Devotional on Knowledge.

#### Read Matthew 11:1-6

As you read Matthew 11:1-6, underline the questions that John the Baptist had, and write a question mark in the margins beside it.

Then circle Jesus' response to John, and put exclamation points beside it—after all, Jesus' answers were great news!

Can you imagine how encouraging it must have been for John to hear this message from Jesus? Jesus was willing to answer his questions and didn't seem bothered by them. Not to mention, everything John had dedicated his life to was true!



### Day 3

# Do you have any questions for God right now?

It's okay if you do. And it's okay if you don't! The important thing to remember is that it's okay to have questions and you can always take them to God! Using the prayer below, or using your own words, take a minute to thank God for being so amazing.

Dear God, thank You for not only being the God who created everything and knows everything, but also being the same God who doesn't mind when I have questions and doubts. Right now, I am wondering

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truth as I try to understand. I am so thankful to know that I can come to You with any of my questions, and that if I don't understand something, I can ask You! In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.

# Day 4

If you don't understand something, ask.

Who do you turn to when you have questions about math? Or how to play that chord on the piano? Or how to get to the next level on your video game? It may be the same person, but more than likely, you thought of different people for each question you had.

But what about questions of faith? Who do you turn to when you are doubting God's love for you, or when you have a deep question about God's goodness? Of course, the answer that is true for everyone is God. You can ask God anything! But hopefully you also have some other people in your life who follow God who can help you work through your questions too. Maybe your Small Group Leader, a neighbor, or your aunt?

Think of someone who has followed God for a while and has probably had a lot of their own questions answered along the way.

Reach out to that person today and ask them if you can set up a time to talk about some of the questions you have about God. Tomorrow you can work on making a list of those questions, but for today, make plans with that person to ask some of your questions.

## Day 5

### What questions do you have?

We live in the age where questions never have to go unanswered for long. You can simply tap, tap, tap a keyboard, or pick up your phone and open a web browser, or even simply call out to your family's virtual assistant to ask your question.

Try answering these questions without getting help.

- 1) I am riddled with holes. But I still hold water. What am I?
- 2) I go around the world but stay in a corner. What am I?
- 3) Give me food and I will live; give me water and I will die. What am I?
- 4) I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
- 5) I get wet when drying. What am I?

Were you able to do it? Maybe you got some, but not others?

But what about when it comes to questions about God? Those aren't so easily answered, are they? Thankfully God has given us the Bible, the Holy Spirit, and each other to help us understand God more.

What is one question about God or Jesus that you have? Write it down. If you have more than one, great! Write it as well.

Take these questions when you meet up with the person you chose yesterday. Talk through them, read what the Bible has to say, and pray together. You may not get all the answers you want, but chances are, you'll understand a lot more about God when you're through!