Journal

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



Preteen



Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

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

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

 1. You liked:

 2. You learned:

 3. You'd like to know:



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Read Luke 12:16-21

The story Jesus was telling in this passage of Luke was a parable–a story He told to illustrate an important truth. After you read Luke 12:16-21, retell the story in your own words and in a modern-day situation that you can relate to. Replace the following words with something you can relate to (e.g., "rich man" becomes boy or girl, "land" becomes video game collection, etc.)

Man
Land
Produced a very large crop
Crops
Tear down my barns
Build bigger ones
Grain

Now read back through Luke 12:16-21, and when you read the words in the list above, substitute the words you wrote. Isn't it cool how the truth Jesus was illustrating in the story He told still comes through even when you update the story details?

Day 3

What are some of the reasons you love God?

Sometimes it's hard for us to share because we're just being selfish, but sometimes it's because we truly don't realize just how much we have to share! Start out by asking Him to show you what things you have more than you need. It could be material objects, like toys or clothes or shoes, or it could be more intangible things, like your time or talent. As you pray, walk around your room and house and take in all the things vou have. Take a look in the mirror and ask God to show you what talents and experiences He's given you. After your "prayer walk," take a minute to jot down anything God brings to your mind that you could share with others.

Then ask God for help sharing what you have. You can use the sample prayer below or write your own.

Dear God, thank You for meeting my needs, and also for giving me more than I need so I can bless others. I know I have enough______ that I can share with others, but sometimes it's hard because ______. Please help me to be responsible with what You've given me and to share it with others. In Jesus' Name, I pray, Amen.

Day 4

What do you have that you can share?

Sometimes we don't realize that we have more than we need, and it takes others pointing it out to show us what we have that we could be sharing with others. Find a friend or family member who knows you really well and ask them for help figuring out something you have that you can share with others. Remember the guidelines from yesterday—this doesn't have to be material objects, although it can be!

As you talk to your friend or family member, they too may realize they have things they can share with others. Together, make a plan for how you can share the things, time, talent, and expertise you have with others!

Day 5

Think back to days three and four what thing(s) did you come up with that you know you could share with others?

Today you're going to make a plan to share on the regular. Fill in the blanks to make your plan.

What I will share:

Who I will share it with:

When I will share it:

How I will share it:

Lastly, figure out how to remind yourself of your plan. If you're going to share your time by going to visit an elderly neighbor once a week, figure out a day and time that works for both of you and put it on the calendar. If you're going to give away gently used clothes or toys you have, set a reminder on your phone to do a cleanout once a month. Whatever you commit to share, make a plan and stick to it!

