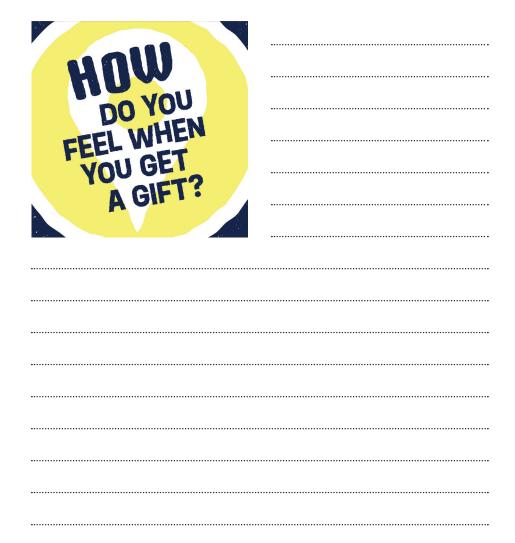
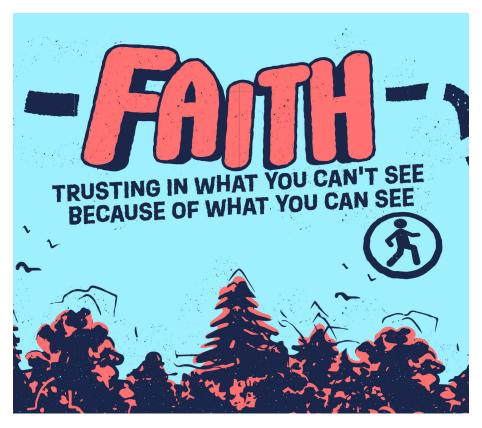
Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.





Day 1

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Watch this week's episode of The So & So Show by going to: https://bit.ly/PreteenSundaysatHome

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

1. You	liked:		

2. You learned:	

3. You'd like to know:

Day 2

Read Ephesians 2:8-9

Grab a sheet of paper and make two columns. Label them "Where salvation comes from" and "Where salvation DOESN'T come from."

Then, as you read Ephesians 2:8-9, write each thing listed in the appropriate column. You should have three things in each column.

Is the truth that salvation is God's gift easy for you to accept, or challenging? If it's challenging, why do you think that is? For some of us it can be hard to accept things we feel like we didn't earn. But even if it's hard for you to accept, the truth is that Jesus is a gift for everyone, and that includes you!

Comes From: Grace, Gift, God Doesn't Come From: Acts, Us, Boasting



Day 3

What do you do when you receive a gift?

You say "thank you" to the person who gave it to you, right? You might even write them a thank you note.

Well, **Jesus is a gift for everyone,** so today, take a couple of minutes to write Him a thank you note.

On the inside, thank Jesus for everything He did to bring salvation to the world. Share with Him how it makes you feel to receive His gift of salvation. When you're done writing, read what you wrote out loud as a prayer to God. Then hang the thank you note up somewhere you'll see it often to remind you to thank God for the gift of Jesus!

Day 4

Have you ever told God you want to accept the gift Paul talks about in Ephesians?

If you believe in Who Jesus is and what He's done for the world, you can receive the gift of God's grace. You can simply talk to God, in a quiet place, on your own. But it's also a great idea to talk and pray with someone who has been following Jesus for a while—like a parent or small group leader. Is there someone you can talk to today about putting your trust in Jesus? If so, go find them and talk to them about the gift of Jesus.

Maybe you've already made the decision to follow Jesus. If so, as you continue experiencing God's amazing gift of salvation, you can share it with others. Remember, **Jesus is a gift for everyone.** Think of someone who needs to hear this good news and go and tell them!



Day 5

How do you feel when you get a gift?

It can be exciting when you think about getting a gift at Christmas or for your birthday. But what about when you think about the gift of grace that God gave us through Jesus?

Wrap a present for yourself—you can go the old-fashioned way with a box and wrapping paper (maybe even spring for a ribbon!), or you can find a gift bag around the house to use with some tissue paper. Write "Salvation is God's gift" on a sheet of paper to put in your box or bag, and if you want, put something in there for your future self.

Then hang the bag on your bedroom door handle or put the box in your room where you can see it often. Every time you see the gift, remember that Jesus is God's gift for everyone. When you remember that, hopefully you'll feel loved and want to share that same love with others!