

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



Journaling lines for the question: WHAT ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT GIVING?



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

Go to <https://bit.ly/PreteenSundaysatHome> 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!

- 1. You liked:
- 2. You learned:
- 3. You'd like to know:

Day 2

Read Luke 2:1-7

Before you get out your Bible to read Luke 2:1-7, try seeing how much of this much-told story you can recall from memory. Fill in the blanks as best you can, then check your work against the Bible. (Note: Check biblegateway.com if you have a different translation other than NIV.)

¹In those days, Caesar Augustus made a _____. It required that a list be made of everyone in the whole Roman world. ²It was the first time a list was made of the people while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³Everyone went to their own _____ to be listed. ⁴So Joseph went also. He went from the town of _____ in Galilee to Judea. That is where Bethlehem, the town of David, was. Joseph went there because he belonged to the family line of _____. ⁵He went there with _____ to be listed. Mary was engaged to him. She was expecting a baby. ⁶While Joseph and Mary were there, the time came for the child to be born. ⁷She gave birth to her first baby. It was a _____. She wrapped him in large strips of cloth. Then she placed him in a _____. That's because there was no guest room where they could stay.

The story of Christmas—when Jesus was born—may be a familiar one, but that doesn't change the joy that comes when we remember that **Jesus is the greatest gift.**

Day 3

As Christmas Day draws nearer and nearer, you may need some extra help from God keeping your focus on Jesus—the greatest gift.

Take a few minutes today and every day through Christmas to pray this prayer. If you have a Christmas tree or a nativity scene, go there to pray your prayer.

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“Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus truly is the greatest gift, because His death and resurrection means that I can live with You forever when I put my trust in You. Help me today and every day to remember what Christmas really means and to celebrate Jesus, the greatest gift. In His Name, I pray. Amen.”

## Day 4

### Jesus is the greatest gift.

It can be easy this time of year to get caught up in the gift-giving frenzy. And there's nothing wrong with giving or receiving gifts at Christmas—in fact, it can be a fun way to celebrate, and a good reminder that **Jesus is the greatest gift.**

But how do we keep our focus on Jesus in the middle of all the presents and parties? A great way to remind us that Jesus is the greatest gift is to share the Christmas story with others.

This could be sitting down with your family to read Luke 2:1-7 together and talking about what the story of Jesus means to you.

It could mean looking for ways to share the good news of Christmas with others, like placing candy canes in your neighbor's mailboxes wrapped in a piece of paper that says, “Merry Christmas! Jesus is born!”

Or it could be simply going to a Christmas service where you can celebrate that Jesus is the greatest gift with your family and friends.

Wherever you go and whatever you do this week, saying a simple, “Merry Christmas!” to everyone you encounter can help you remember that **Jesus is the greatest gift.**



## Day 5

### What are you excited about giving?

Christmas is just a few days away now. . .  
**What are you excited about giving?**

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Even if you don't have a lot—or any—money to give anyone a gift, there are things you can do to show the people around you that you love them and also remind them of Jesus, God's greatest gift! You can do things like. . .

- Make a coupon book to give to your parents that has extra chores or things they can redeem (like a hug) at any time throughout the next year.
- Write a note to your favorite teacher telling her why you're thankful for her.
- If you're crafty, make homemade gifts for your friends like clay creations or friendship bracelets.
- Bake Christmas cookies for your neighbors.

Whether your gift is store bought or homemade, be sure and include a card with the reminder that Jesus is the greatest gift.