

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



Handwriting lines for journaling, consisting of 15 horizontal lines.



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!

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After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____

Day 2

Read Luke 1:26-38

When the angel showed up with a message for Mary, Mary may not have had a lot of joy when she first heard what God had planned for her life. She was understandably surprised and had a lot of questions. As you read through Luke 1:26-38, put an exclamation point above sentences that you think call for it, and put question marks above the descriptions of Mary's confusion and questions.

Thankfully, the angel had some answers for her, and more than that, Mary soon realized that God's plan for her life meant great things for all of humankind: God would soon send His greatest gift: Jesus!

Day 3

Sometimes you can pray as a song. Read Mary's prayer to God in song in Luke 1:46-55.

Then write your own song. It doesn't have to involve a melody or any type of instruments (although it certainly can!) if that's not your thing; think of it more as a free verse poem. Your prayer could cover any or all of these themes: gratitude for the gift of Jesus, joy at the plan God has for your life, or what you're looking forward to about Christmas this year. After you write your prayer, read it or sing it out loud. **You can have joy because God has a plan for you.**

Day 4

Find a friend or sibling willing to play a short game with you.

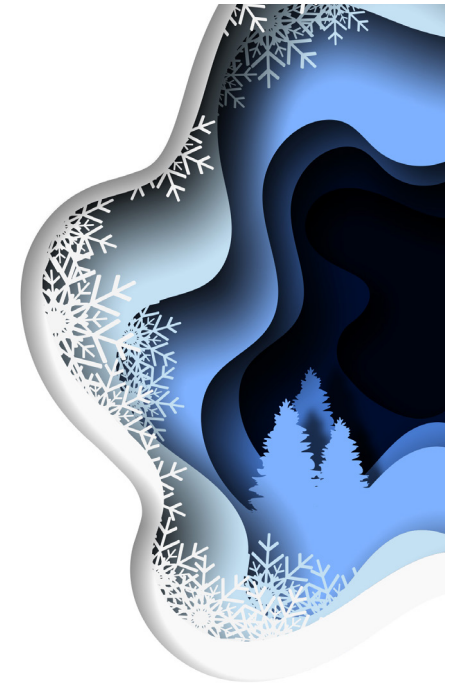
Each person should grab a sheet of paper tear it into 12 different pieces. On four pieces, each person should write four jobs. On the next four pieces, each person should write a location/place. On the last four pieces, each person should write four hobbies.

Then make three different piles of your answers (a location pile, a jobs pile, and a hobbies pile) and mix up the pieces in each pile to scramble them. Then each person takes turn drawing from each pile to create a "plan" for your life.

"I will be a _____ living in _____, where I will enjoy _____ in my free time."

Feel free to finish using up all the different pieces to create alternate plans as well.

How did your plans turn out? Pretty silly? Maybe you created one that actually sounded like you? Talk with your friend about what you hope your future really will look like. Then take a minute to thank God that He has a plan for you that is way better than you could ever imagine!



Day 5

Your family likely has some fun Christmas traditions, but it's always fun to add a new one into the mix!

Pick an activity (or two!) below that would bring you and others around you joy! Then work with your parents to make a plan for the activity and revel in the joy your plan brings!

- ➔ Make a birthday cake for Jesus
- ➔ Have a family dance party with Christmas music
- ➔ Make a gingerbread house
- ➔ Reenact the Christmas story with costumes and props you can find around your house
- ➔ Make Christmas cookies for your neighbors