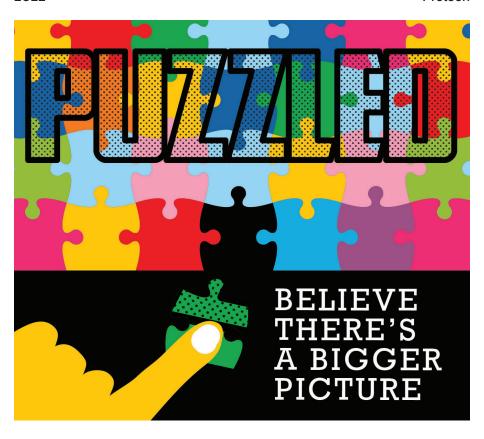
Journal

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





Day 1

Go to bit.ly/SundaysAtHomePreteen 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:

2. You learned:

1. You liked:

3. You'd like to know:

Day 2

Read John 12:9-16

Before you read John 12:9-16, gather up a bunch of stuffed animals and action figures or dolls. If you can, get a leaf or two from outside—or you can get a sheet of paper and cut out a leaf.

As you read through the passage of John 12:9-16, use your toys to act out the scene as Jesus entered into Jerusalem. You can even add sound effects, like crowd noise, and pick an action figure to play Jesus sitting on a donkey (or a teddy bear!).

After you've read through the passage, invite a family member in and share the story with them too.

Day 3

Go back and read John 12:16.

The disciples were there when it all happened—they saw Jesus, spent time with Him, heard the words coming directly from His lips, and even they didn't understand what God was up to.

Sometimes, we just don't understand what God is doing in our lives, but that doesn't change the fact that God is still working!

What is an "unanswered prayer" you have been praying for a while? It could be something that only affects you or your family, or it could be a prayer for your community or the world. . . for peace or healing. Whatever it is, remember God is still working! Take a minute to thank God for what He is doing in the world and in your life, talk to Him about the needs you still have or see, and then ask God to give you hope—to remember that God is still working to bring something good from something bad!



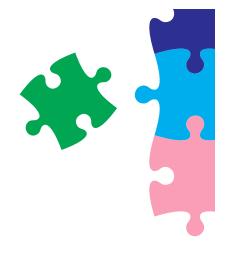
Day 4

Whatever happens, remember God is still working.

We can know things but still forget them when things get hard. This is especially true when we face difficult situations—we can often forget that God is still working.

This is where it is really great to have friends and family members who also follow God and can encourage you—and you can encourage them too! Think of someone who would make a great Hope Partner—someone who you can share the good and the bad with. This person can help you remember that God is still working, no matter what happens.

Share with that friend or family member what you've been learning about hope, and how you want to help each other remember that God is still working. Ask them if they will be some accountability and encouragement to help you live out hope—and then stay tuned for tomorrow where you will make a plan to do that!



Day 5

What are you hoping for?

Get together with your Hope Partner again, and share with each other what you are currently hoping for—a situation in which you need reminding that God is still at work.

Then, come up with a way that you can remind each other of this when things get hard. Maybe you can come up with a secret code word that you can text or say to each other when one of you is having a hard day. Or you could pick a song that you find encouraging—or even make a playlist—that you can share with each other when you need a dose of hope. Be sure to include some details about how and when you will check in with each other in the coming weeks to keep that hope alive!

