Journal

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



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Week Three Preteen



Day 1

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!

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1. You liked:	

2. You	learned:		

3.	You'd	like	to	know:	

Day 2

Read Acts 10:9-36

As you read the verses from Acts 10, underline verse 28a, where Peter explains how he initially felt about entering Cornelius' house.

Then circle verse 15, where God gives Peter a different vision for seeing the Gentiles.

Lastly, highlight verse 28b and 34-36, the verses where Peter describes how God has changed the way he sees others.

In the first half of verse 28, we learn about God's law; but in the second half, we learn about God's love. Through Jesus, we can know for sure that God's love is for everyone!



Day 3

Read this paragraph first, then follow the directions.

Close your eyes and imagine a group of people you hang out with. It might be a lunchroom at school, your sports team, your church small group, or something else. Now imagine what God sees when looking at your group. Think about some of the things you know about the people in that group—and some of the things you don't know. You might know what some of them are going through, but there is probably a lot you don't know—like sick relatives, lost jobs, fighting parents, or failing grades.

Now, open your eyes and pray this prayer.

"Dear God, thank You for sending
Jesus to be my Savior and also to show
me how to live and follow after You. I
want to see things like Jesus so I can
love others the way You do. Please
open my eyes to the needs of others
around me and help me see them the
way that You see them. In Jesus' Name,
I pray. Amen."

Day 4

Have you ever made an immediate decision about someone from one quick interaction?

Maybe it was because of the way they looked, talked, or dressed. Maybe they didn't seem friendly, or you saw them losing their temper, or telling a lame "dad joke."

Did your initial idea about that person hold up? Often it doesn't, the more we get to know someone. And even if the snap judgement was fairly accurate, God can help you to show love to that person because **God can change the way you see others.**

Think of someone that you've potentially misjudged. Take a minute right now to ask God to help you see that person differently.

Then find some time today to talk to that person. Maybe you simply say hi or wish them a great day. You might be surprised how easily **God can change** the way you see others.



Day 5

When have you changed your mind about someone?

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle."

That's a famous quote with some serious truth in it. And if we are able to see people how Jesus does, we will find not just the way we see things changing, but also the way we treat people.

Who is someone that you have a hard time being kind to, or who makes life hard for you? Write their initials here:

Then ask yourself the following questions.

- How do you think Jesus would see that person?
- What are some things that might be going on in that person's life?
- Do you believe God loves that person?
- ► How can you show God's love to this person?