

Journal

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

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Week One
Preteen



Day 1

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

THE SO & SO SHOW
Today, watch and write
down your thoughts!
You can find each
week's episode at
www.popmn.org/kidvid

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

A Devotional on Christmas

FOR AN **everyday faith.**

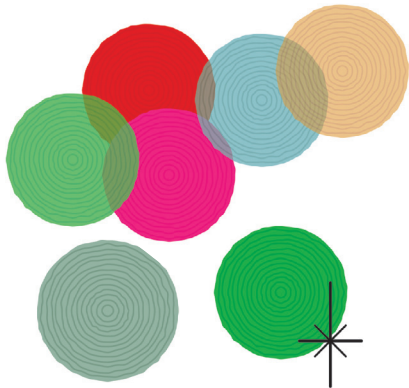
Day 2

Read Luke 1:5-25; 57-66

As you read through Luke 1:5-25; 57-66, check off any of the unlikely events in the list below that God makes possible.

- ☐ Elizabeth, who is very old, becomes pregnant.
- ☐ An angel renders Zechariah truly speechless.
- ☐ Zechariah is chosen among the hundreds of priests to go inside the Holy place.
- ☐ After naming the baby, Zechariah is able to speak again.
- ☐ Elizabeth and Zechariah, without talking, decide to name the baby John.
- ☐ An angel appears to Zechariah.
- ☐ Elizabeth delivers a healthy baby boy.

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How many did you check off? All of them? God really can do anything, can't He? What a reason to celebrate!



## Day 3

There are a lot of ways to celebrate what God has done, including praying!

You may think of praying as a time when you ask God for help—and that's certainly a great thing to talk to God about. But prayer is also a time we can thank God and praise Him for the wonderful things He has done—**we can celebrate because God can do anything.**

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Think about the unique way you were made in God's image, and then pray this prayer to thank Him:

Dear God, You can do anything! I want to celebrate all the things You have done in my life and the lives of others. I remember when and You That was amazing! And how cool was it when You I am thankful for these and so many other things You have done that are worthy of celebrating, and I can't wait to keep celebrating all month long that Jesus was born! In His Name, I pray. Amen.

Day 4

Celebrating what God has done is something we can do alone, and we can also do it in community, recognizing what God has done and can do in the lives of everyone around us.

But before we can celebrate, we need to know what God has been up to! So take a few minutes today to interview at least five people you know—friends, family, teachers, peers—and ask them to share at least one thing that God has done in their lives that is worthy of celebrating.

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Write down what you learn and save it for tomorrow!

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## Day 5

What are some things you celebrate?

First, grab some blank paper, a ruler, scissors, a hole punch (if you have one), a piece of string or wire (even dental floss will work!), and a pen.

Next, measure and cut five strips in the following sizes:

1.25" x 10" (2)

1.25" x 7" (2)

1.25" x 5" (1)

On each strip, using your best handwriting, write a short description of each of the four things you learned that others have to celebrate. On the last strip, write one thing that God has done in your life worthy of celebrating (look back at your prayer from Day 2 if you need inspiration).

Then, punch a hole 1/4" from the top and bottom of each strip (if you don't have a hole punch, carefully use the scissors or pen to poke a hole in each one). Stack the papers together with the smallest in the middle sandwiched by the medium strips, followed by the largest strips. Line up all of the strips on one end, and thread a piece of string or wire through the holes and tie it off. Repeat this step on the other end of the strips, which you can then fan out.

Then hang the ornament up on your tree or in your room somewhere you will see it often and remember to celebrate because God can do anything.

(Adapted from a Good Housekeeping article: <https://bit.ly/38YzOzE>)

