## Journal

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

How can you use what you've been given?

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## 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!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____

## Day 2

**Read Matthew 25:14-30**

Today you're going to do a little math. In the space below, make a tick mark for every bag of gold mentioned in Matthew 25:14-30. How many total bags are there?

From seven bags of gold to 15, the rich man got richer. But that wasn't the point of the story Jesus told. Jesus was teaching His followers that those who are responsible with what they're given will be given more. But those who waste it will end up with nothing. And Jesus wasn't just talking about money but we'll get into that later. For now, if you have 15 tick marks on your paper, give yourself an A+.

## Day 3

**God has given you so much!**

From unique gifts and talents, to a place to live and people that take care of you, to beautiful sunsets, puppies and ice cream!

Before you can make the most of what He's given you, you first must start by recognizing all He's given you and thanking Him for it. For each category below, write at least one or two things that you're thankful for.

Talents I have:

Family members and friends I have:

Material possessions I have:

Experiences I've had:

Now take a minute to talk to God and thank Him for giving you those gifts, naming them as you pray. Then ask God to give you the wisdom and strength to make the most of each of them.

## Day 4

**Take the list you made yesterday of all the gifts that God has given you and share it with a trusted older friend or family member.**

Ask them if there is anything they would add to it.

Now comes the hard part. Ask them if there's anything on the list that they see you not being responsible with—if there's something you've been given that you're not making the most of. Ask them for specific examples, and for advice on how you could use what you've been given in a more responsible way. Write down what they say so you can use it later.

It can be tough to hear when there are areas we haven't been super responsible, but taking personal inventory of how we're using our gifts is a great way to be responsible with them!

## Day 5

**How can you use what you've been given?**

Now that you've talked to both God and a trusted friend about the gifts you've been given and ways you can use them better, it's time to put it into action.

Write down the steps you've decided to take to make the most of your gifts. Maybe you'll practice your piano more, or run with your dad at the park to improve your time, or you'll use some of your allowance money to buy supplies for a lemonade stand (and even donate some of your profits to a worthy cause!) By the time you've finished, you'll have a lot more talents and made the most of the talents you have too!