

DAY 4

WHAT are some ways you can give this Christmas?

One of the coolest things about generosity is that it can be so personal. Each one of us has different things we can give, and God has given us the ability to think creatively about how we can use those skills, talents, and abilities to help others.

First, write down three positive things that other people have said about you. (For example: *I'm a good listener. I'm good at drawing. I always look at the bright side of any situation.*)

WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS FOR YOU?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Take a minute and think about how God could use each of those three strengths of yours if you put them into practice. (If you're a good listener, you could show someone you care by asking about their life and giving them your full attention. If you're an artist, you could draw a funny caricature for a friend. If you have a positive attitude about life, you could write a note to encourage someone who's having a tough time.)

At Christmas, we put lots of creativity into thinking of the perfect gift but you can do the same thing all throughout the year! **Look for creative ways to give.**



LIVE
FOR GOD



DAY 1

READ 1 TIMOTHY 6:18

IF I HAD A MILLION DOLLARS . . .

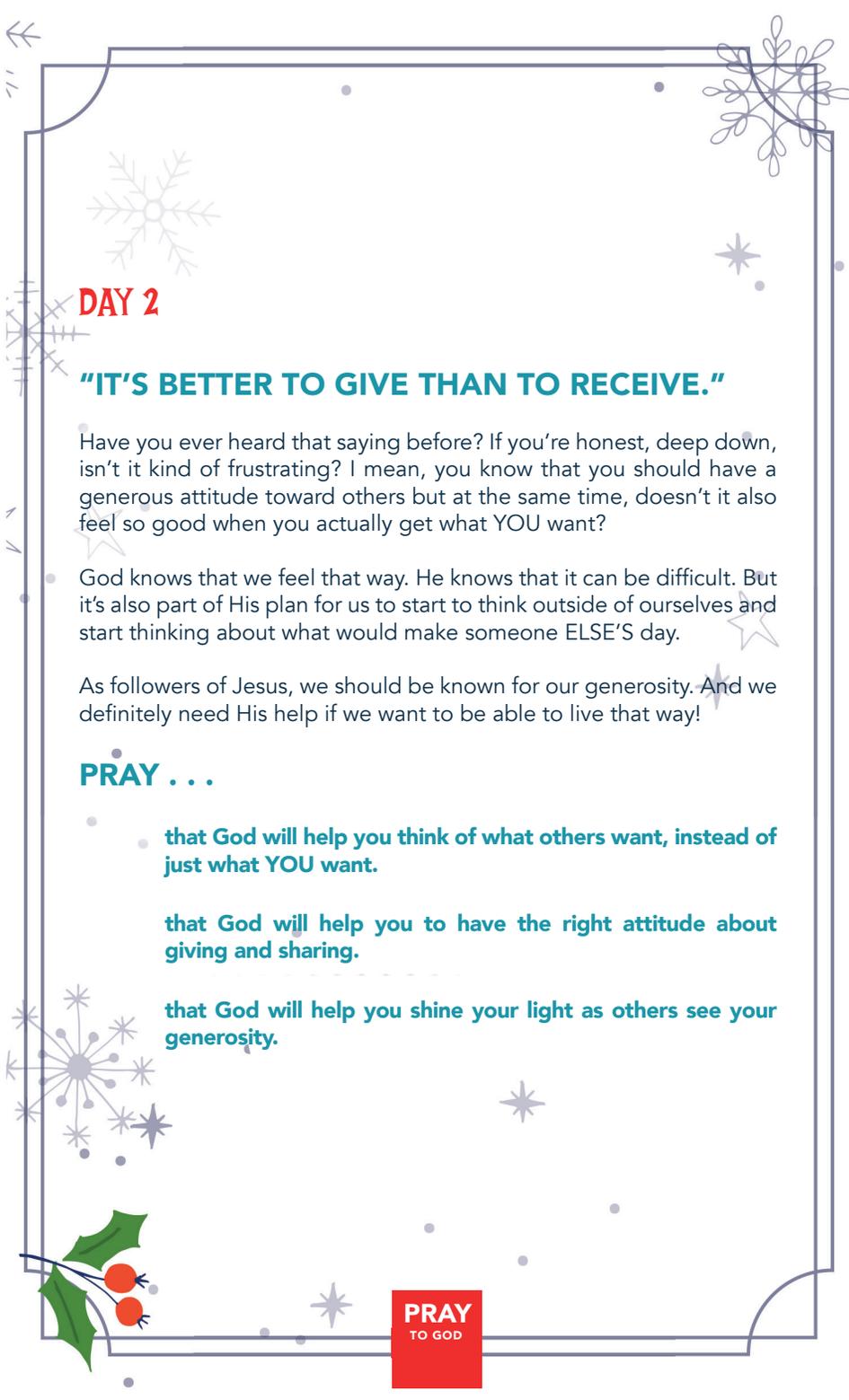
Most people would answer that question by daydreaming about what they'd like to have. And that's especially true during the Christmas season. After all, everyone has their list of perfect gifts they'd love to get on Christmas morning!

We could all come up with a great list of things we want – things that would make us feel really rich. (And by the way, there's nothing wrong at all with appreciating a great gift that someone gives you!)

But there's a different kind of "richness" that Paul is talking about in his letter to Timothy. He says that we should "be rich in doing good things." When we choose to give generously to others, we become truly rich with everything that really matters in life.

Look ahead to the next verse—number 19. Circle the last part. When we live generously instead of just trying to get more and more stuff for ourselves, we begin to discover God's true purpose for our lives. And that's more valuable than ANY other kind of riches!

HEAR
FROM GOD



DAY 2

"IT'S BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE."

Have you ever heard that saying before? If you're honest, deep down, isn't it kind of frustrating? I mean, you know that you should have a generous attitude toward others but at the same time, doesn't it also feel so good when you actually get what YOU want?

God knows that we feel that way. He knows that it can be difficult. But it's also part of His plan for us to start to think outside of ourselves and start thinking about what would make someone ELSE'S day.

As followers of Jesus, we should be known for our generosity. And we definitely need His help if we want to be able to live that way!

PRAY . . .

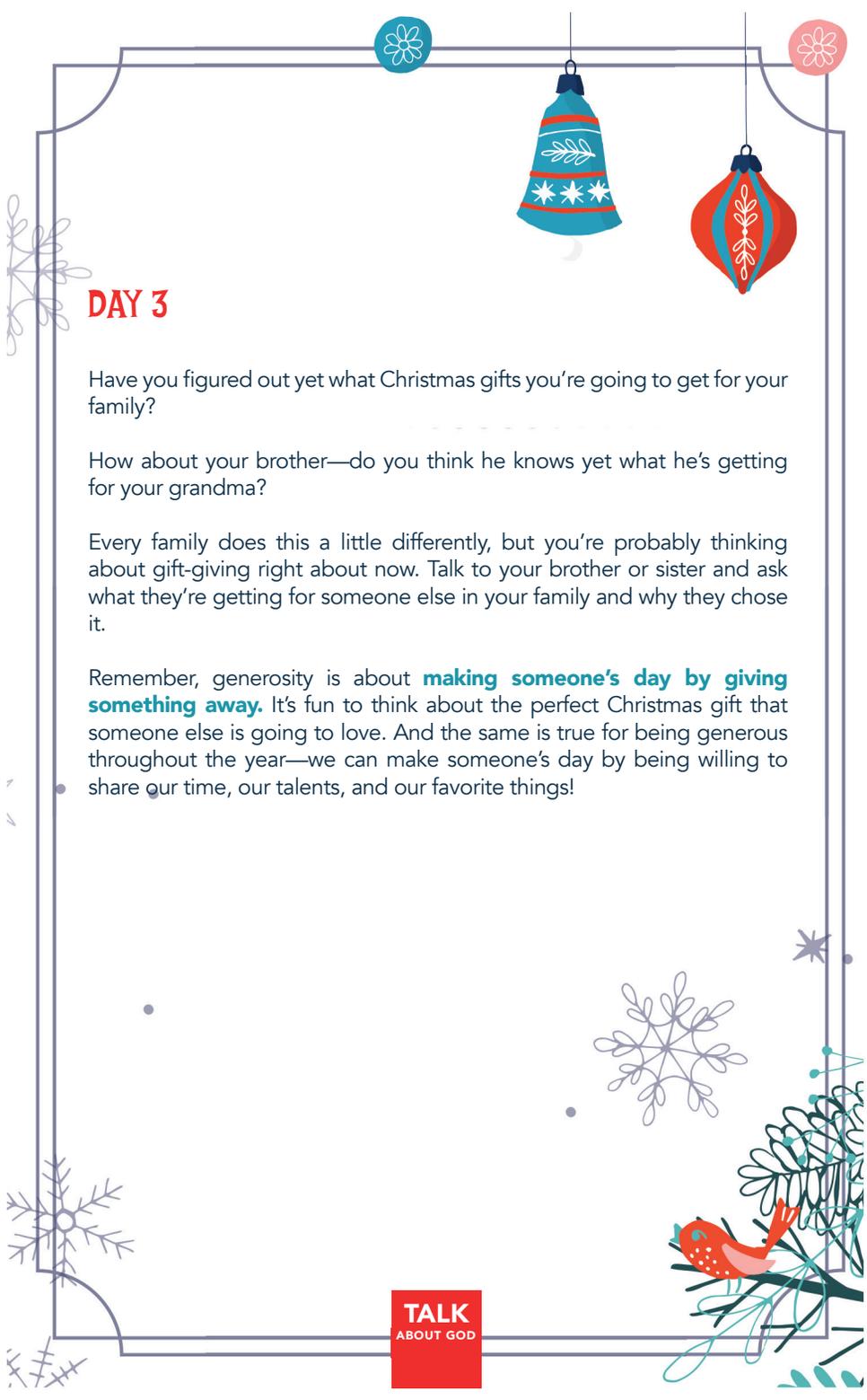
that God will help you think of what others want, instead of just what YOU want.

that God will help you to have the right attitude about giving and sharing.

that God will help you shine your light as others see your generosity.



PRAY
TO GOD



DAY 3

Have you figured out yet what Christmas gifts you're going to get for your family?

How about your brother—do you think he knows yet what he's getting for your grandma?

Every family does this a little differently, but you're probably thinking about gift-giving right about now. Talk to your brother or sister and ask what they're getting for someone else in your family and why they chose it.

Remember, generosity is about **making someone's day by giving something away**. It's fun to think about the perfect Christmas gift that someone else is going to love. And the same is true for being generous throughout the year—we can make someone's day by being willing to share our time, our talents, and our favorite things!



TALK
ABOUT GOD