

What does God do?

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➤ Intro:

- **story: Daniel** request lesson – **encourage all to suggest lessons** – **suggest parents help children w/ Bible**
- **title:** What does God do?
 - **on level for children** to get something out of lesson, but all can benefit
 - **not long ago had lesson:** What does God do for you through the gospel? (focus word)

➤ God is the **Creator and Sustainer of His creation** – **in control of everything.**

- **Gen. 1:1** God created heaven and earth
- - **Gen. 1:26-28** God created man, human race
- - **Col. 1:15-17** all things created by and through and for Jesus, in Him all things hold together
- - **Heb. 1:3a** Jesus upholds all things together by the power of His word
 - **Jn. 1:1** Jesus is the Word
 - **Heb. 11:3** world created by God's word
- **application: God is our Creator and Sustainer, through Jesus, by power of His word**

➤ God gives us everything we have – **daily blessings.**

- **Matt. 5:45** rain - good and evil – **saying: die without rain**
- - **1 Tim. 4:4-5** food – **give thanks**
- - **Ja. 1:16-17** everything (blessing) is from God – **air, houses, cloths**
 - **Ps. 40:5** Many, O LORD my God, are the **wonders which You have done** . . . If I would declare and speak of them, they would be **too numerous to count**.
 - **illus.: #392** *Count Your Blessings*

➤ God guards and protects us.

- **1 Pet. 2:25** spiritually - **Guardian of our souls**
- - **Acts 20:28** elders do part of the job
- - **2 Pet. 3:17** each of us have a responsibility toward ourselves and one another – **child for parent**
- - **Phil. 4:7** emotionally - peace – **illus.: guard standing at our heart**
- - **Phil. 4:4-9** explore components
- - **Matt. 10:28-31** physically
- - **Rom. 8:28, 31, 35, 37-39** all things work together for good, more than conquerors
- **illus.:** pray at night, God take care of, protect, guard, lead

➤ End Part I

- **summary**
- **inv.:** you can have these blessings from God, He will do these things for you

Beginning Part II: intro, review (above)

➤ God hears and answers our prayers.

- 1 Jn. 5:13-15 confidence, God hears prayers, requests before Him
- - Eph. 2:18; 3:12 access, confident, through Jesus - Jn. 14:6
- - Heb. 4:14-16 Jesus, sympathize, high priest, draw near throne with confidence – spiritual service
- - Heb. 5:9 we must obey, for Him to be our high priest, and have this confidence
- - Rom. 8:34 Jesus intercedes, throne, right hand of God – intercede: intervene on behalf of another
- 1 Jn. 1:8-2:2 Jesus Advocate, because He is our propitiation – illus.: lawyer
- - 1 Pet. 3:10-12 God answers prayers, gives us life and good days
- - Matt. 7:7-11 ask / given, seek / find, knock / opened – God better giver than human fathers

➤ God gives us strength.

- Eph 3:16-20 God makes so much power available to us that we can't imagine it – no shortage
- - illus.: Acts 9:10-17a Ananias, strength to overcome fear and obey
- - illus.: Acts 12:25; 13:4, 13; 15:36-39 Mark overcame fear to preach, later wrote the second book in the NT
- - 1 Cor. 10:13 not tempted beyond what can bear, always way of escape
- illus.: t-shirt, devil made me do it
- - way of escape
- 1 Cor. 15:31 sometimes way of escape is by dying everyday, figurative, dead to sinful passions
- 1 Cor. 15:33 sometimes way of escape is through picking moral friends, entertainment, recreation
- - 1 Pet. 2:2; 1 Th. 2:13 more study and learn God's word, stronger you'll be

➤ God is our Judge.

- Acts 17:31 God judge, through Jesus
- 2 Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body. . . .
- Ec. 12:13-14 . . . fear God and keep His commandments. . . . For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.
- - 1 Jn. 4:17-18 not afraid, because love Jesus and obey (1 Jn. 5:3)
- illus.: before judge, done the right thing, don't mind – but if not done the right thing. . . .

➤ God gives us a crown of life – eternal life, heaven.

- 1 Th. 4:14-17 resurrect to live with Jesus for eternity
- 2 Tim. 4:7-8 give you a crown of life, righteous Judge award (Jesus), all who love His appearing

➤ End Part II:

- many things we could say God does. . . .
- summary – both lessons
- God is Creator and Sustainer of His creation
- God gives us everything we have
- God guards and protects us
- God hears and answers our prayers
- God gives us strength
- God is our Judge - through Jesus
- God gives us a crown of life – eternal life, heaven
- inv.: all these blessings can be yours – God will do these things for you