What does God do?

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