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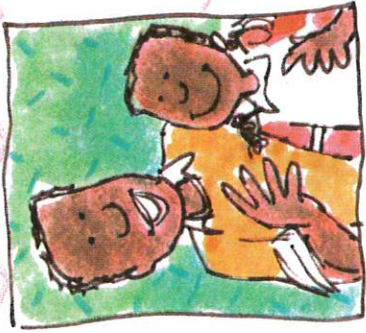
This week, the whole family can work at following God's example of generosity and love.

1 You will need a pack of small index cards or several pieces of paper of index-card size.

2 On the front of each card, write down or draw one of God's gifts (new baby, good teachers, sunny days, flowers, birds, and so forth).

3 On the back of each card, write or draw something a family member can do for others (dry dishes, go to the store, help with the baby, take out the trash).

4 Each morning, have each member draw out one card, say a special prayer of thanks for the gift on the front, and do the good deed suggested on the back. When the deeds for the day are done, replace the cards and shuffle the pack for the next morning.



5 At the end of the week, say a family prayer of thanksgiving for all that God does every single day — and for helping your family to recognize God's generosity.



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 ANSWER TO WHY GOD?: BECAUSE GOD LOVES



explaining GOD'S WORD

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God Gives Good Gifts

God gives you so many gifts totally out of love for you. God doesn't say, "If you do me a favor, I will give you a sunny day." God doesn't say, "If you're not good, I will take away the summer breeze." God just gives and gives and keeps on giving. Why? Because God loves you so very much. God gives to everyone alike because we are all children of God. God gives good gifts because that's just the way God is. God is all-love.

You can learn to give as God gives. When your mother asks you for a favor, do you say, "How much will you give me?" *That's not God's way of giving.*

When your friend wants to borrow your bike, do you say, "I will lend you my bike if you will give me half of your candy bar?" *That's not God's way of giving.*

God does not ask, "How much will you give me for the flowers in the park?" God does not ask, "How much is it worth to you to get a good grade on your test?" *That's not God's way of giving.*

The secret of God's way of giving is simply to give out of love. You can give out of love too, then God, who sees everything, will give you the best gift of all — your very own place one day in heaven.



Can you guess, after reading this bulletin, why God gives you so many wonderful things? Hold this page up to a mirror to find out.

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