



3 God Watches Over Everything

“For you love all things that exist...”

Wisdom 11:24

God is everywhere, not just in Heaven. You cannot see God, but He looks after you all the time, wherever you are.

God is all powerful. He can do anything! No one is stronger than God.

God knows *everything*. He knows what every fish and bug and bird is doing right now. He knows what you are doing and even what you are thinking.

God created all things—every single thing! To **create** is to make something out of nothing. Once there was only God: there was no light, no outer space, no earth, no water, nothing but God. Then God said, “Let there be light! Let there be sky! Let there be land and water!” And there it was, just like that, just the way God said.

God created **angels** too. Angels are like God in one way because they do not have bodies. They are invisible spirits.

All the angels were very good when God created them. Then some of the angels turned away from God. That means they chose to become bad; they became **devils**. The good angels stayed with God to be His helpers.

God is all good. Everything about God is good. He takes care of all that He has made. He takes care of the stars and the planets. He takes care of the animals and the trees. Above all, God takes care of you and loves you very much.



4 God's Special Gifts

“For he will give his angels charge of you
to guard you in all your ways.”

Psalms 91:11

Once upon a time, not long ago, there was *no you!* Then God decided He wanted very much to have a boy or a girl like you. So He made you. He gave you life inside your mother. You were very tiny. Then, when the right time came, you were born.

God gave you a **body** so that you can do all sorts of things. Your body can run and it can climb and jump and play. And God gave you eyes that are looking at this book right now, and ears that can listen to a story, or music, or any sound. And you can taste ice cream with your tongue, touch puppies with your fingers, and smell cookies with your nose. God gave you all these wonderful things.

God also gave you a **soul**, a very important and special thing. The soul is the part of you that makes you live. It is invisible, but real. Because you have a soul, you can think and love and choose what to do.

You can laugh at something funny. You can understand a story, too, and you can tell what is right and what is wrong—all because you have a soul. And your soul is the part of you that will never die.

Your body and your soul are very special to God. He gave you a **guardian angel** to help you take care of them. Your angel is always looking after you because he is your very own angel. Your guardian angel helps you to do what is right because he is your friend.

Your guardian angel helps you get to Heaven where God wants you to be with Him forever. You must be very good to go to Heaven. You must know, love, and serve God in this world. God wants you to study hard and pray often. He wants you to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He also wants you to be an obedient and loving child.

Here is a prayer you can say:

Thank You, dear Father, for life and for the other wonderful gifts You have given me. *Amen.*

Words to Know:

body soul guardian angel

- Q. 10** *What makes you a human person?*
I am a human person because I have a body and a soul (CCC 362–65).
- Q. 11** *Will your soul ever die?*
No, my body will die, but my soul will live forever (CCC 366).
- Q. 12** *What must you do to gain the happiness of Heaven?*
To gain the happiness of Heaven I must know, love, and serve God in this world (CCC 202; Mk 12:30).
- Q. 13** *Does everyone have a guardian angel?*
Yes, everyone has a guardian angel who is with him all the time (CCC 336).

We Pray:

PRAYER TO MY GUARDIAN ANGEL

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide. *Amen.*