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## What is God's providence?



### 1 PETER 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

**Have you ever put a picture puzzle together?** When you spread out all the pieces, it's quite a mess! However, each piece has a special place. When all the pieces are in the right place, you see a beautiful picture!

**God has a plan for your life that has many pieces to it.** There are many good things that God has planned for you. He also allows hard things to happen in your life. Like a great puzzle, God is putting all of these things together in His special way. This is called God's providence (PROV-uh-dense). Providence means that God always cares for His people and controls all that happens in their lives. The Bible says, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good" (Romans 8:28).

**At times you may not understand the reason something happens to you, but nothing is ever a surprise to God.** You can praise God for His providence even when you can't see how the puzzle will turn out. Each day look for ways that God is at work. God always knows and does what is best. Thank Him today for His providence.



### THINK ABOUT IT!

Name one of the good or hard things God has allowed in your life.



### TALK TO GOD

Thank God for his providence in your life. Ask Him to help you trust Him in all that happens.