

Listen carefully or follow the reading in your Bible
from Psalm 107

Have you ever planned to do something but then you couldn't
do it? What was it that you planned to do?

Why couldn't you do it?

Things don't always turn out as we would like them to do
they?

We are just too small

and there are many things we cannot control.

But God is not like us!

God is all p_____

(fwrloeu)

Everything he plans will h_____



(eapnp)

N_____ can stop his plans and purposes

(nghtoi)

Isn't that wonderful?

In the box below, draw arrows to show which things are correct for God and which things are correct for us:

	Don't know what is going to happen	 Us
	Has planned everything	
	Knows everything that will happen	
	Make plans but they can go wrong	
	Has a reason for everything	
	Feel surprised when some things happen	

These things about God are called God's **Providence**

God's Providence means:

How God works to make all things happen for his own good reasons and his own good purposes

This is the **amazing** thing about God that we are going to be learning about over the next few weeks.

One verse in the Bible that says something about this is Ephesians 1v11. The last part of the verse says this about God:

"...him who works all things according to the counsel of his will"



This bit simply means:
what God wants to happen

Lot's of different things happen in our lives and in our world don't they? All kinds of things! Look at the different things written below.

In which of these things is God at work according to what he wants? Circle the correct answers. (Read the verse above again carefully before you answer!)

Little things like a beetle crawling in your garden

Future things like what we will do at Christmas

Big things like the decisions of our Prime Minister

Personal things like when we play with our friends

Powerful things like a thunderstorm

Simple things like our breakfast this morning

These things about God's Providence really are amazing!
How does it feel to have such a great God who is our
loving heavenly Father?

Read the things written below and use the words in the box to finish them or think of your own.

happy	safe	afraid
loved	worried	grateful
confident	patient	

1. Some things make us feel afraid like a thunderstorm or the dark or something else. But if we remember God works in all things for his own good purposes,
we can feel _____

2. Our friends may not be able to come to play at our house because of the virus. But God works in all things for his own good reasons,
so we can feel _____

3. Jesus died a horrible and painful death on the cross. But we know God planned this for his own good reasons:
so Jesus would die for the wrong we have done
and so Jesus would be Lord of all
This makes me feel _____

Show your answers to a grown up and think of how you could pray about these things:

"Father God we praise you because _____

We thank you for _____

_____ "