

SPIRITUAL CONCEPTS ABOUT DIVINE PROVIDENCE



A sampling of ideas to share with children of various ages

*These ideas are accommodated to the state of the child
They are coordinated with the religion curriculum of the General Church.*

PRESCHOOL

1. The Lord is always with us, leading, guiding and protecting (*Arcana Coelestia* 6303).
2. Everything is held in the Lord's hands.
3. The Lord sees everything—even to eternity.

PRIMARY LEVEL (*kindergarten—3rd grades*)

1. The Lord is always taking care of everything.
2. He is with each of us in a variety ways because we are all different (*Arcana Coelestia* 5264).
3. The Lord does all things according to order. (He cannot break His own rules. He is the Ruler.)
4. The Lord never changes. We change.
5. The Lord provides everything we need to live.

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL (*4th—6th grades*)

1. The Lord has all power over both good and evil (*Arcana Coelestia* 6997:2).
2. The Lord always protects the good in us (*Arcana Coelestia* 59, 968).
3. We need to feel His protection.
4. The Lord allows punishments to teach and help people change and grow.
5. The Lord governs all the heavens and the earth.
6. The Lord needs and chooses leaders to help Him govern.
7. When the Lord's rules are obeyed, there is charity and cooperation.
8. Because the Lord loves us, He allows us to make mistakes.
9. The Lord helps us to see our mistakes so that we can learn to make better choices.

UPPER LEVEL (*7th—8th grades*)

1. The Lord gives us prudence to help guide our choices and develop our sense of responsibility.
2. We need to take our share of responsibility for making changes happen.
3. The choices we make have consequences to eternity, and yet the Lord always keeps us in freedom to change.
4. The Lord is the Comforter with power to heal and save.

HIGH SCHOOL (*9th—12th grades*)

1. The end of Providence is a heaven from the human race (*Divine Providence* 214).
2. The Lord's rules apply equally to heaven and hell, but are received differently.
3. The Lord preserves a person's free will so that he can choose good or evil.
4. The Lord's Providence gives each of us individual freedom and responsibility.
5. The Lord is with us every step of the way, yet always respecting our freedom.