



"Explain God." Part I of II

Written by an 8-year-old, Danny Dutton, of Chula Vista, near San Diego, CA as his 3rd Grade homework assignment:

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He does not make grownups, just babies. I think that's because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He does not have to take up His valuable time teaching them all to talk and walk. He can just leave that work to mothers and fathers."

"God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like priests and sisters, pray at times beside bedtime. He doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because He hears everything, there must be an awful lot of noise in His ears, unless He's thought of a special way to turn it all off."

"God sees everything, hears everything, and is everywhere, which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your mom or dad's head, asking for something they already said a long time ago that you could not have."

"Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any here in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church."

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people, who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind, like his Father, and He told his Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said, 'O.K.'" In Part II, next week, Danny explains what God (Jesus' dad) thinks of His Son and all about what Jesus is doing these days.

Can't wait, fr.t.