



## WHATEVER YOU NEED

My God will use his wonderful riches in Christ  
Jesus to give you everything you need.

PHILIPPIANS 4:19 ICB

**P**andas might look like super-cute, somersaulting teddy bears, but they're called *giant pandas* for a reason. Male pandas weigh up to 250 pounds—that's more than three 10-year-old kids! Female pandas are slightly less giant at about 200 pounds.

To grow into their giant size, pandas eat bamboo—lots of it! So it's probably a good thing they live in China's bamboo forests. Bamboo isn't the

easiest or healthiest food to eat, though. It's tough and doesn't have much nutritional value. To stay full and healthy, pandas need to eat more than 30 pounds of bamboo every day. They spend around 12 hours a day just eating! To help with all that chowing down, pandas have an extra finger on their paws. It works like a thumb to help hold the bamboo. They also have broad, flat teeth to crush the tough stalks.

From bamboo forests to thumbs and special teeth, God gives the giant panda everything it needs to be the panda He created it to be. And you know what? He does the same thing for you and me. God makes sure you have everything you need to be the person He created you to be and to do everything He created you to do. He'll give you courage when you're scared, wisdom when you're not sure what to do, joy when you're sad, and so much love. God's got an unlimited supply of whatever you need!

*God, thank You for giving me everything I need to live, to love, and to be who You created me to be. Amen.*

### EXPLORE THE WONDER

Did you know red pandas tweet? It's probably not the kind of tweet you're thinking of—they don't get online much. Their tweet is a kind of twittering "talk" that sounds more like a bird than a bear. Of course, that could be because red pandas aren't bears. Instead, they're more closely related to raccoons and skunks. Red pandas also squeal, hiss, and grunt—when they're not tweeting, that is!