



In the Beginning

As told in Genesis 1:1-2:4

Key Verse:

Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

Genesis 1:31a NLT

Exploring This Story...

Have your child retell the story to you.

Encourage them to remember by asking the following questions:

- **Who made the heavens and the earth, and everything in them?**
(God)
- **What are some of the things God made?**
(Land, sea, animals, plants, stars, fish, etc.)
- **What was the most special thing of all that God made?**
(Man and woman)

More to the Story...

People — including you — are the most special thing that God made. In fact, God loved people so much that he gave them the job of caring for all of his creation. He told the man and woman to take charge of and care for the world.

God's Bigger Story...

People are very special to God because we are made in his image. This means we are a reflection of who God is. We can be creative and make things; we can love and have relationships with God and with others; we have the ability to think and make choices. We are *very* special to God. He loves us and wants to have a relationship with every one of us, including you! Just look at the beautiful world around you.

My Story...

You are a unique and special part of God's creation. He loves you and has a very special plan for your life, even if you don't know what it is yet. Because God created you, he knows everything about you and knows what is best for you.

- **Why did God create man and woman?**
(To love and have relationship with them.)
- **What are some specific ways that God made you unique?**
- **Why should we choose to love God?**
(Because God loved us first and he created us. He is good.)

Talk to God...

Dear God,
Thank you for creating this beautiful world for me to enjoy.
Thank you for making me so wonderfully!
Help me trust in you, the Creator who made me.
Amen

Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.
Psalm 139:14 NLT

