

# LONG STORY SHORT

## The Beginning

Genesis 1-2

*“How did all of this get here?”*

### Who?

*“In the beginning, God created the **heavens** and the **earth**.” (Genesis 1:2, NLT)*

**God** created **everything** out of **nothing**.

**God is bigger than big.**

*Then God said, “**Let there be light**,” and there was light... God made two great lights—the larger one to govern the day, and the smaller one to govern the night. He also made the **stars**.” (Genesis 1:3, 16, NLT)*

**God is big enough to handle anything thrown at you  
and anything you can throw at Him!**

### Why?

*Then God said, “Let us make **human beings** in our **image**, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:26–27, NLT)*

**God created everything on purpose for a purpose.**

*God made everything with a place and **purpose**... (Proverbs 16:4, The Message)*

**1) God created us for the purpose of relationship.**

*“Let us make human beings in **our** image, to be like **us**.” (Genesis 1:26, NLT)*

**2) God created us for the purpose of mission.**

*“Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will **reign**... (Genesis 1:26–27, NLT)*

**God is closer the closer!**

*Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from **your presence**? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. (Psalm 139:7–10, NIV)*

**Nothing is too small in your life for God to care about.**

*Give **all your worries and cares** to God, for he **cares** about you. (1 Peter 5:7, NLT)*

**Nothing is too small about your life for God to care about.**

*God’s love is meteoric, his loyalty astronomic, His purpose titanic, his verdicts oceanic. Yet in his largeness **nothing gets lost**; Not a man, not a mouse, slips through the cracks. (Psalm 36:5–6, The Message)*

**God is bigger than big - you cannot wrap your mind around Him.  
God is closer than close - but you can wrap your arms around Him!**