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**In the beginning God created the heavens
and the earth.**

Genesis 1:1

A Very Big God

The night was darker than any we remembered. Even after our eyes had ample time to adjust, we could not see our feet as we walked down a smooth gravel path toward an open air theater. The breeze was light, but the air was crispy cold so the coats we had were welcomed possessions. It was too dark to see for sure, but the theater seemed to be in a setting of concrete benches that wrapped around a central area where the program director would stand. We took a seat beside some other people then gazed up into a dazzling starlit sky. We were awestruck.

Painted across the middle of the sky, the Milky Way served as a backdrop for countless numbers of twinkling stars—more than we had ever seen. The sight was breathtaking. And there was more to come.

The show's director pointed his powerful laser light toward the brightest star in the sky. It was really not a star at all. It was Jupiter circling the sun within our own solar system. Across from Jupiter the director called attention to the familiar constellation we call the Big Dipper. He explained the constellation's other names, a bit about the stars that composed it, and how two of its stars lined up with the North Star. And so the evening went with the director pointing to stars one by one and toward many of the constellations, all the while telling rich mythical stories about them.

The more the director told us, the more awestruck we became. It took a very big God to make the heavens and the earth—Very Big! It made our world seem so small. It made us feel so trivial. What a huge universe! How can we even imagine God flipping on the light switch of a newly formed star and for thousands of years to pass before the first glimmer of its light reaches our eyes! How can we even imagine a God big enough to create it all! But we have a very big God.

Yet He is not so big that we are unimportant to him. We are tiny objects in the scheme of things, but you are special to him and so am I. The thought of how very big the heavens are helps me see how very big God must be. And when I think about how tiny we are it helps me see that only a very big God would care about anything so small.

The wonder of the creation and life as we know it will not be comprehended in this lifetime. But one thing is sure. We have a very big God.

Only a very big God could love us.

“You are the light of the world.”

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