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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Holy Spirit was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Genesis 1:1-5

Who is the Father?

God the Father is the Creator of all things. He created everything perfectly. He created it all simply by saying the word; he spoke and it came to be.

When it came to people, God chose a more personal way of creating them. In the same way that a potter uses his hands to carefully and intentionally form his masterpiece, God took his time to shape and fashion Adam. He helped Adam to see that it was not good to be alone. Then after putting Adam to sleep, he made Eve out of one of Adam's ribs.

God made all this and more. He is mighty and powerful. He is careful and creating. He is kind and gracious. He is the Father of all created things and especially of you.

Your relationship with your earthly father may at times not be a great one. It could make looking at God as your Father slightly discouraging. It might be something that you don't like to consider at all.

But know this: your God is perfect in every way—especially in his duties as a father. He made us fearfully and wonderfully. He says that he has numbered each and every hair on your head. He knew your name before you were even born. You cannot hide from him. God the Father looks after your needs and will satisfy your desires. He will work everything out in your life so that it's good for you and for your soul.

Our Father in heaven knows us intimately and desires that we would know him intimately as well. And there are good reasons to know him well. He is kind and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love (Num 14:18). He is everything that you want a father to be and more. He cares about you and wants you to be with him in everlasting life. He has sent his Son, Jesus, to be the atoning sacrifice for your sins so that you can be with him in heaven. It proves that your God in heaven is your Father who loves you most.

Almighty God, my dear Father, you made me and all that exists. Thank you for creating me. Thank you for caring for me. Thank you for giving your Son for my salvation. Keep watching over me all the days of my life. Keep me as your child until I reach heaven. Amen.