

That was God's plan from before the beginning of time—  
to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

—2 Timothy 1:9 NLT

In the beginning, before anything was created, there was God. And God had a beautiful plan.

He hung stars in the sky and set the earth in its place. Flowers bloomed, fish splashed, and birds soared. Animals of every kind crawled and ran and hopped. And He made people too.

God gave His creation everything it needed. And when His people needed someone to save them, He would send Jesus, His very own Son.

That was the beginning of Easter.



### Jesus Calling

I created you. I created this world and everything in it.  
It is not possible for you to have a need  
that I cannot meet.

You created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

—Psalm 139:13–14 NIV

God created the earth and everything in it. His last creation—people—was His very best. First He took dust from the ground, shaped a man, and breathed life into him. God called him Adam. Then God made Eve, Adam's wife. They lived in a beautiful garden with God . . . until they broke God's only rule.

That was the beginning of sin. One day, each person would die. Their bodies would be dust again, but their souls would live on forever. And that's why Jesus would come—to save us from our sins so that people could live forever with Him.

### Jesus Calling

*I created a beautiful, perfect world for you. Then sin came into the world, and it brought trouble and sadness. But I have overcome the world. So stay close to Me.*

