

# Kendra's Letter

*How dear to God are little children  
(Children's Songbook, 180–81).*

BY JANE MCBRIDE CHOATE

(Based on a true story)

Kendra liked her new home. She liked her new bedroom. And she liked her new Primary.



She liked everything about her new house except for one thing. She missed living near her grandma. Visiting Grandma didn't happen very often now.



One day after lunch, Mommy brought in the mail.

Here's a letter for you, Kendra.

Who sent me a letter?

She had never received a letter before.

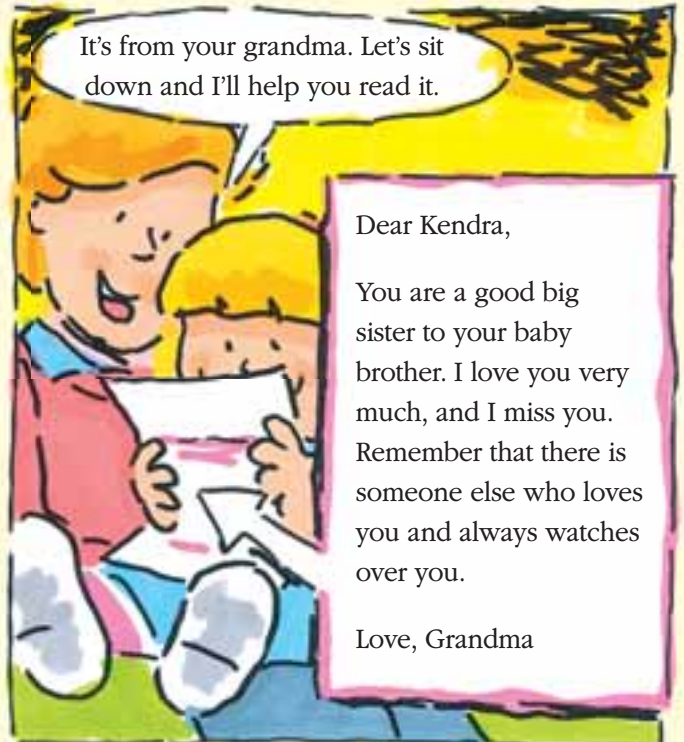


It's from your grandma. Let's sit down and I'll help you read it.

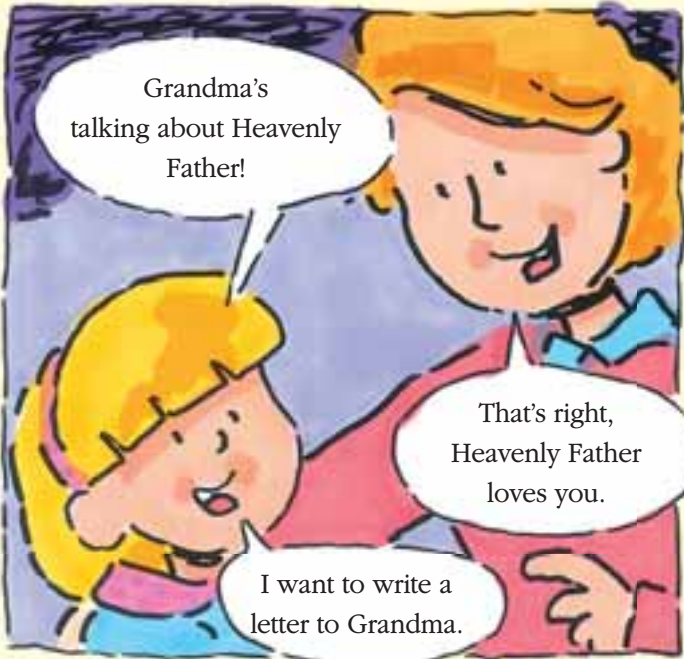
Dear Kendra,

You are a good big sister to your baby brother. I love you very much, and I miss you. Remember that there is someone else who loves you and always watches over you.

Love, Grandma



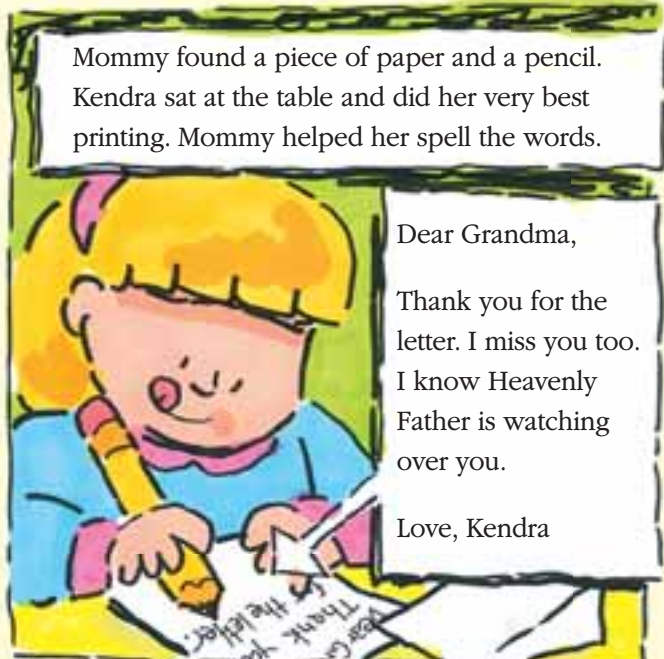




Grandma's talking about Heavenly Father!

That's right, Heavenly Father loves you.

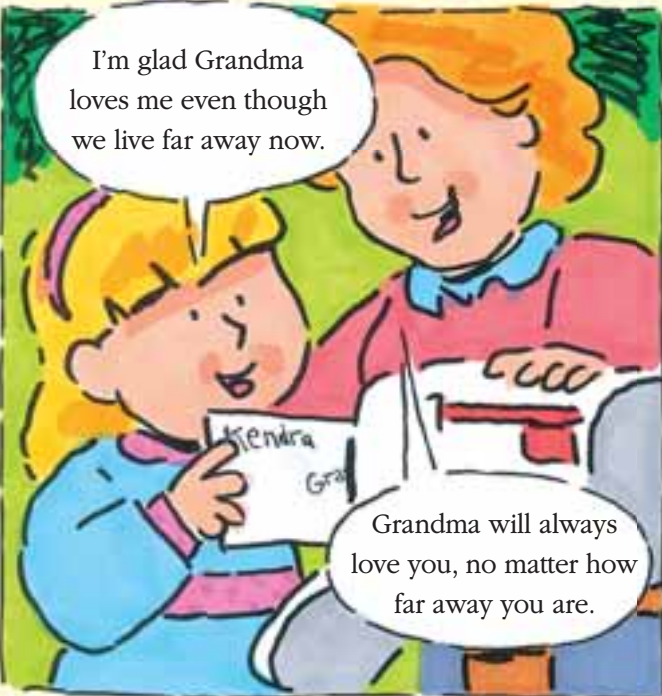
I want to write a letter to Grandma.



Mommy found a piece of paper and a pencil. Kendra sat at the table and did her very best printing. Mommy helped her spell the words.

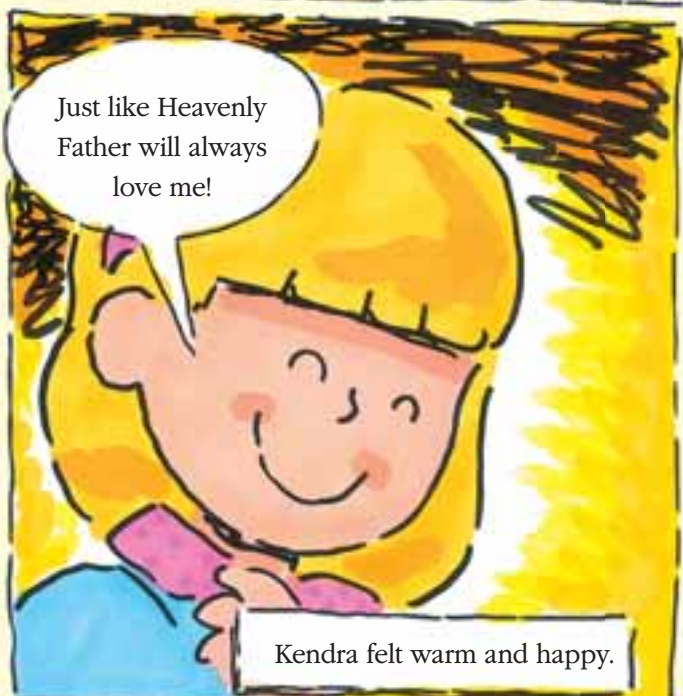
Dear Grandma,  
Thank you for the letter. I miss you too. I know Heavenly Father is watching over you.  
Love, Kendra

Kendra put the letter into an envelope and licked the flap. Mommy helped her write Grandma's address on the envelope. Then Kendra put a stamp on it and put it in the mailbox.



I'm glad Grandma loves me even though we live far away now.

Grandma will always love you, no matter how far away you are.



Just like Heavenly Father will always love me!

Kendra felt warm and happy.



# We Give Thanks

BY ELLEN JAVERNICK



We give thanks for birds with wings,  
*(Flap arms)*



For worms and snakes and squirmy things,  
*(Make a snaking motion with hand)*



For puppy dogs with  
waggly tails,  
*(Move an index finger  
back and forth)*



For tiny fish and great big whales,  
*(Measure a little fish with fingers, then  
extend arms for big whales)*



For the families that we love,  
*(Place hand over heart)*



For earth and sea and sky above,  
*(Form a circle with arms  
above head)*



For clothes and shoes  
upon our feet,  
*(Point to your clothes, then shoes)*



And for the food we soon will eat,  
*(Rub stomach with hand)*

# Showing Thanks

BY JULIE WARDELL

You can show your thanks to Heavenly Father in many ways. Put an "X" by the pictures below that are ways you show thanks. Think about other ways you can thank Heavenly Father and draw one of them on this page.

I can pray.



I can be kind to animals.



I can help others.



I can help take care of my world.



I can . . .

