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# Heavenly Father Loves You

Think of the purest love you can imagine. Now multiply that love by an **infinite** amount—that is the measure of God's love for you.

God does not look on the outward appearance. I believe that He doesn't care one bit if we live in a castle or a cottage, if we are handsome or homely, if we are famous or forgotten. Though we are incomplete, God loves us completely. Though we are imperfect, He loves us perfectly. Though we may feel lost, God's love **encompasses** us completely.

He loves us because He is filled with an infinite amount of holy, pure, and indescribable love. We are important to God because we are His children. He loves every one of us, even those who are flawed or awkward. God's love is so great that He loves even the proud, the selfish, the arrogant, and the wicked.

What this means is that, no matter our mistakes, our infinitely **compassionate** Heavenly Father desires that we draw near to Him so that He can draw near to us.

I testify that God is in His heaven. He lives. He knows and loves you. He is mindful of you. He hears your prayers and knows the desires of your heart. He is filled with infinite love for you. •

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## USTRATIONS BY EMILY DAVI:

### **CREATIVE COLLAGE**

You are a special child of God with gifts and talents that make you unique! Look through a magazine and cut out pictures of things you like to do or things that represent you. Glue them together to make a piece of art that shows how special you are! You can also draw pictures of things you like to do.









### **ALL CHILDREN OF GOD**

We may look different, speak different languages, and have different personalities, but we are all children of God. Look at these pictures of children playing together. Can you find the two pictures that are most alike?

## IF YE LOVE ME

Heavenly Father loves us completely. How do we show our love for Him? To find some of the ways, shade in all of the shapes that have a number that you can divide by three. See answer on page 48.

