

# One Big Heart

A celebration of being more alike  
than different



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ONE BIG HEART full of gratitude to my mom ... for everything!

—LD

For my family near and far,  
who love each other just the way they are.

—LF

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In one itty, bitty corner of our  
is our teeny, tiny classroom





great, big world.  
filled with happy boys and girls.

★ Star Chart ★

Amanda	★★★★
Ayden	★★★★★
Sam	★★★
Gracyn	★★★★★
Lauryn	★★★★★
Taun	★★★
Reed	★★★★
Elle	★★★★★

Well done!

APPLE  
starts with

Aa



Each one of us is different,  
'cuz what fun would it be  
if I looked like my classmates and they all looked like me?



Our faces make a

# RAINBOW,

lots of colors all around.  
shades of tan and melon skin  
and even chocolate brown!





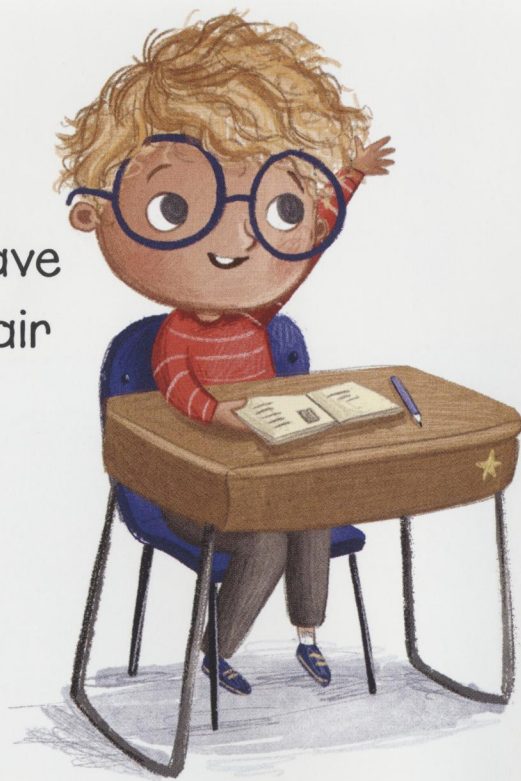
Some are missing two front teeth,  
while others smile with dimples.

God made each of us unique—  
it really is that simple.





Some have  
wavy hair  
on top,



while others  
wear theirs  
straight.



Some sport afros, twists, or braids.





"I think my puff looks **GREAT!**"





Juan is **SHORT** and Reed is **TALL**. We're every shape and size.  
Some have freckles on their nose and some have bright **blue** eyes.





God gave us different bodies that can do amazing things.

With one arm Elle does  
**CARTWHEELS**

and my friend Amanda  
**sings.**





Sam loves telling stories and wants to learn to read.  
Noah wears a bright red cape and runs with ***SUPER SPEED.***



Mila plays a princess with a long, pink, ruffly dress.



Asher likes to jump and

**SPLASH**

and often makes a **MESS.**









The bell rings and we head outside for recess in the sun.  
Our giggles and our laughter show we **ALL** like having fun!



I see those smiling faces and understand today,  
**we're more alike than different**  
in many special ways.



We each have rhythm deep inside that makes us want to **move.**







We love to *run* and *jump* around and find our playground groove.



Back inside for music, we **bop** to every beat. We *wiggle*





and *dance* sideways. We *clap* then **STOMP** our feet.







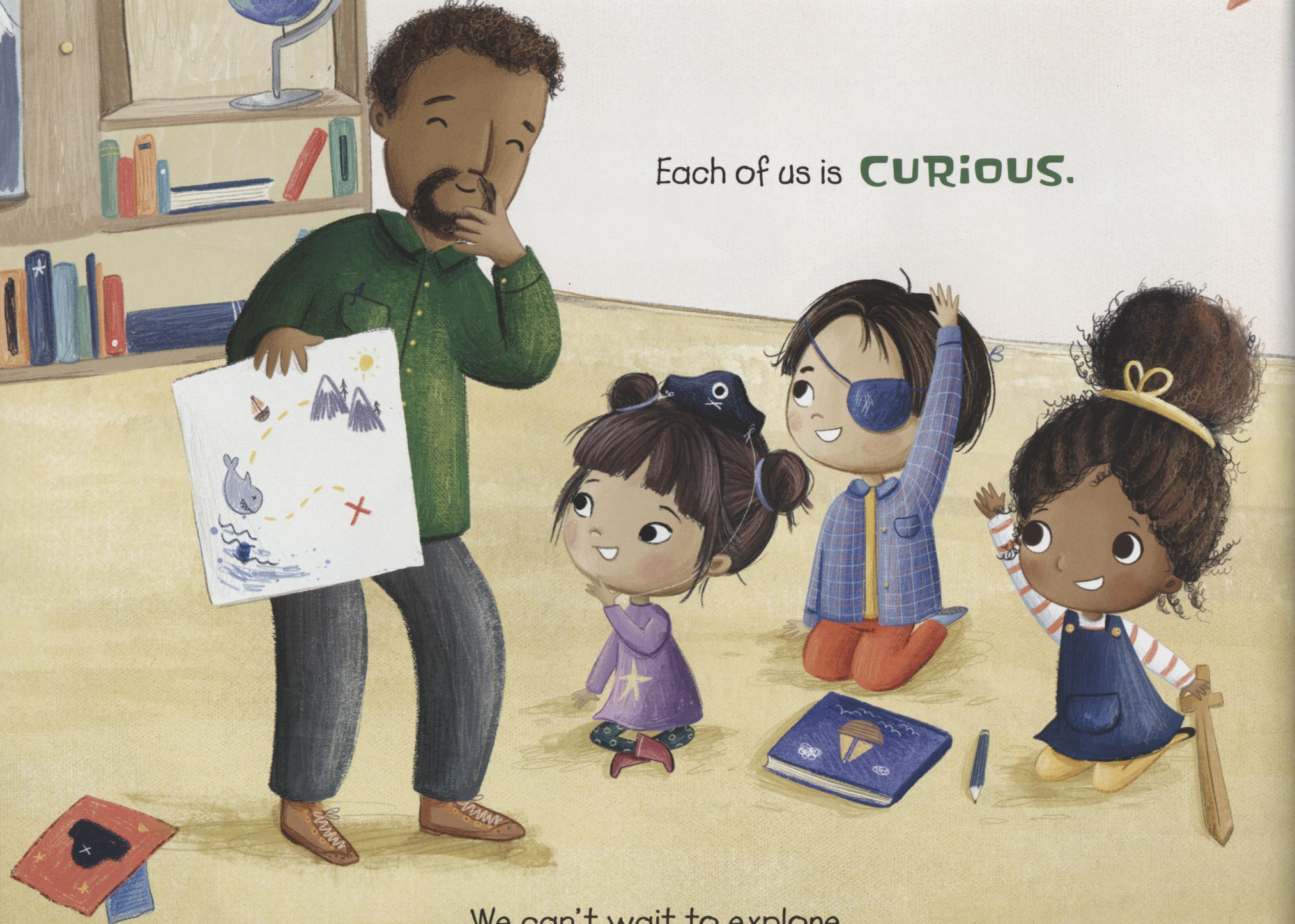


And afterward it's lunchtime—our favorite time of day.  
No matter what we choose to eat, our taste buds shout,

**“HOORAY!”**







Each of us is **CURIOUS.**

We can't wait to explore.  
We ask a lot of questions ...





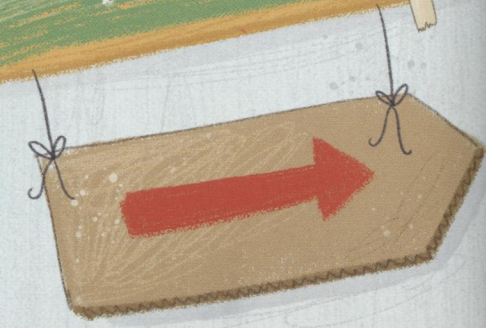
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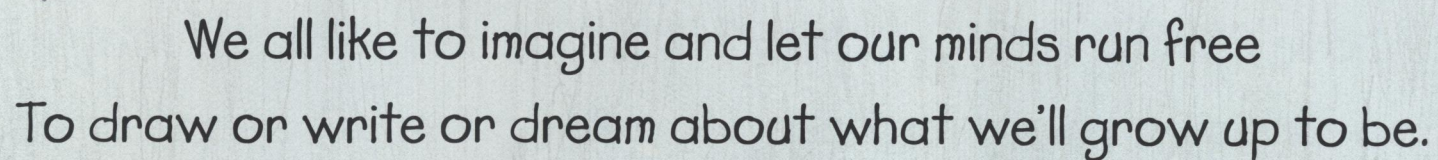
Well done!

AND THEN WE ASK SOME MORE!









To draw or write or dream about what we'll grow up to be.





We all have **great big feelings** that don't always stay inside.  
Sometimes we've gotten angry. Sometimes we've sat and cried.



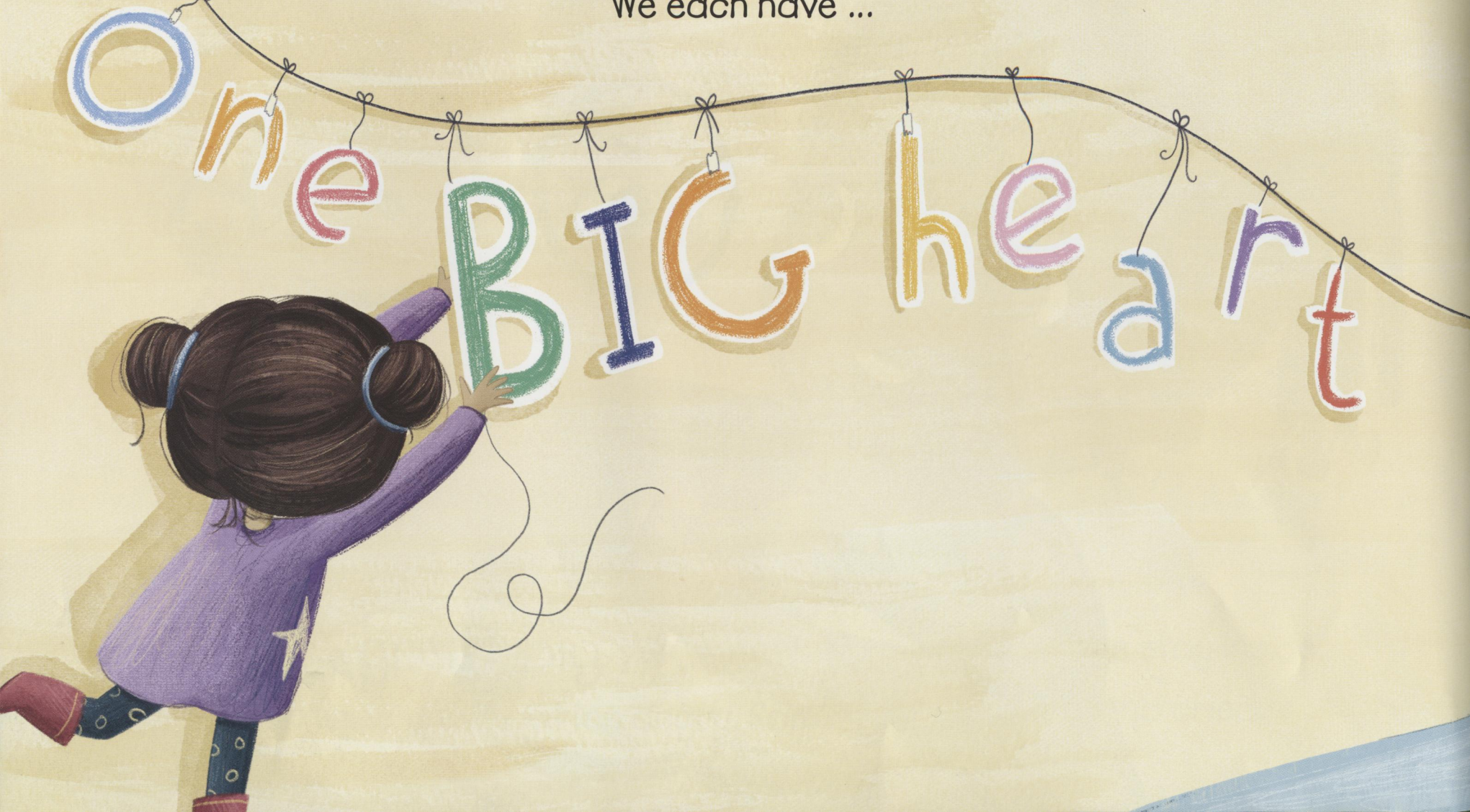
Then a friend will **cheer us up** and fill our lives with joy.  
We all need friends who give us hugs or share a favorite toy.





But the way we're most alike ...  
the **MOST IMPORTANT PART?**

God gave us all a special gift—  
We each have ...









We've got a lot of elbows.  
We've got a lot of hands.  
We've got eyes to help us see and feet so we can stand.





But the thing that matters most is something we can't see.  
The touch of God that's inside you and also inside me.  
That's the place where kindness grows  
and where love gets its start ...







Deep down in our  
PUMPING  
THUMPING  
ONE BIG HEART.

This is a colorful illustration of seven diverse children of various ethnicities and ages. They are all smiling and holding a large, red, heart-shaped object that has some blue and yellow patches on it. The heart is the central focus of the image. The children are arranged around the heart, with some holding it from behind and others from the sides. The background is a light cream color with small red hearts and yellow stars scattered around. The text is written in a playful, white, sans-serif font across the center of the red heart.



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