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## Why My Family is Important to Me

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I love my family and they really are worth loving. I have a funny eight year old brother, a 15 year old sister who is always ready to give advice, an 18 year old brother who is super optimistic, a dad who never fails to make me laugh, and a mom who is always there when I need her.

Trust me, my family is not perfect. We fight and sometimes we get mad at each other. Yet, somehow all the times we have fun outweighs all the bad times. Anytime that I am upset I immediately cheer up when we come to sit at the table to eat supper together. My younger brother and I came home after arguing on the bus (and for no reason), only to have my mom say one thing and both of us burst out laughing. With my family, fighting never gets too serious.

I remember, about two years ago, I came home from school and was super upset about something a friend had said to me. I went into my room and cried into my pillow. A moment later, the whole family was piled into my room asking what was wrong. I told them, and they all consoled me. Soon, we were all on a bike ride and laughing our heads off.

My family is the best family that you could possibly have. We love each other to death and can always count on one another. My family is the greatest thing in my life. I love them even through our mistakes.

*To us, family means putting your arms  
around each other and being there.*

*-Barbara Bush*