

Heartprints

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Someone has said that hugs are very special gifts...
and yet another indicated that one size fits all...
I use the same size arms to hug the little two year old...
the young teen-ager...and the full grown adult...
and we all need hugs...no matter what our age...
and we never, never outgrow our need for hugs.

To me, no one articulates it more eloquently than Jill Wolf...
Why God designed such a heartwarming way to share His love...
In her beautiful verses, entitled, "Why God Made Hugs"...

*"Everyone was meant to share...
God's all abiding love and care...
He saw that we would need to know...
A way to let those feelings show...
So God made hugs...a special sign...
And symbol of His love divine...
A circle of our open arms...
To hold in love and keep out harm...
One simple hug can do its part...
To warm and cheer another's heart...
A hug's a bit of heaven above...
That signifies His perfect love."*

There's nothing quite like a hug to express God's caring love...
to those who are hurting...in a thousand different ways...
there's nothing quite like a hug just to let someone know...
how special they are to you...how much you appreciate them
there's nothing quite so nourishing as a reciprocal hug...
where spirit meets spirit...connected by the Holy Spirit.

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