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## It's a Beautiful Life - Ethan's Freckles

### Memory Verse

"I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made;" Psalm 139:14 (NKJV)

Ethan didn't like his freckles.

When he talked with his friends, he always felt like they were looking at his freckles instead of looking at him. When he met someone new, he would look down and then tilt his head slightly to the side hoping that he would be able to hide the small reddish-brown marks that were sprinkled across his nose and dotted both of his cheeks.

Many of the kids at school thought Ethan was just shy but they didn't realize that he kept his head down because he was trying to hide his freckles. He was afraid if someone really saw his *whole* face they wouldn't like him - or they would make fun of him.

One day he met a girl named Amelia and she had freckles too. But Amelia wasn't ashamed of hers. She was proud of them.

One day when Ethan and Amelia were at the playground, she asked him why he seemed so shy.

"I'm not shy!" Ethan grumbled.

"Well, why do you always put your head down when people try to talk to you?" Amelia asked.

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"Because I hate my freckles! If people see my face, they will make fun of me!" Ethan answered.

Amelia thought for a minute and then looked a bit sad and asked, "So... do you hate *my* freckles too?"

"Of course not!" Ethan answered. "I just hate *my* freckles! I don't know why I had to be born with freckles when almost none of my friends have them!"

Amelia stepped a little closer to Ethan, took ahold of his hand and said, "I know freckles can make you feel different because so few of our friends have them. But I also know that it must mean that God makes everyone different and our freckles are just part of what make us who God created us to be. I LOVE my freckles! They remind me that God made me unique on purpose."

"Do you think God made a mistake, Ethan?" Amelia asked.

"Of course not!" Ethan muttered.

Amelia smiled and said, "Then don't you think it's about time you looked at your freckles as one of the cool ways God chose to make you you? Other people have brown eyes like you. And other people have blonde hair like you. But no one else has freckles just like you and that's part of how God wanted to make you uniquely you! Isn't that amazing!"



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All of a sudden, Ethan began to laugh. "You're right! No one else looks exactly like me! Even if I had a twin, he wouldn't have the exact same freckles as I do! God made me to be especially me because He loves me and He created me to be one-of-a-kind, freckles and all!"

I'm not ashamed of my freckles any more. I'm proud of them and I'm thankful that God didn't make me to be like anyone else.

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