WHAT MATERS



CHILDREN'S REFLECTIONS ON LIFE DURING
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC & THE BLACK LIVES
MATTER MOVEMENT



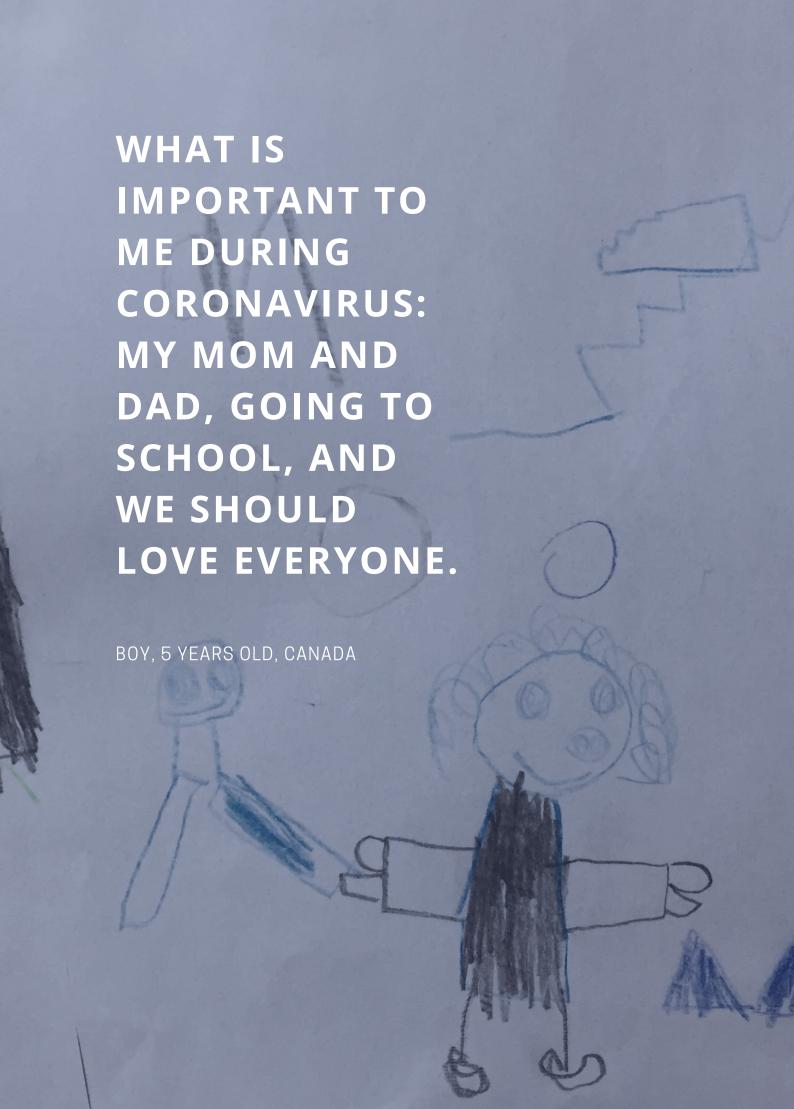
For the second consecutive year, we asked children about what is most important to them during the COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement.

This year was challenging for many children all around the world. We are happy to share with you what children said they care most about. In these difficult times, we are more committed than ever to stand for children and their rights.

This year we also celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. This is the only child rights treaty that was adopted at the regional level. It stands as an important example to follow.

We wish you a happy World Children's Day!





BEING TOGETHER AS A FAMILY

BOY, 7 YEARS OLD, DENMARK





WHEN, I WAS AT HOME, COVID
WAS LOOKING FOR US AND I
FELT LIKE A POTATO. NOW, I AM
SO HAPPY TO GO BACK TO
SCHOOL. I LOVE SCHOOL.

GIRL, 5 YEARS OLD, USA

I'M THANKFUL THAT I CAN STILL GO TO SCHOOL AND PLAY WITH MY BROTHERS AND WITH MY FRIENDS. AND I HOPETHAT CLIMATE CHANGE STOPS.

BOY, 7 YEARS OLD, CANADA



STAY CALM, KEEP YOUR
DISTANCE AND WEAR YOUR
MASK. IF YOU FEEL SICK, GO TO
SEE THE DOCTOR AND DO NOT
TRAVEL IF IT'S NOT NECESSARY.

BOY, 7 YEARS OLD, USA



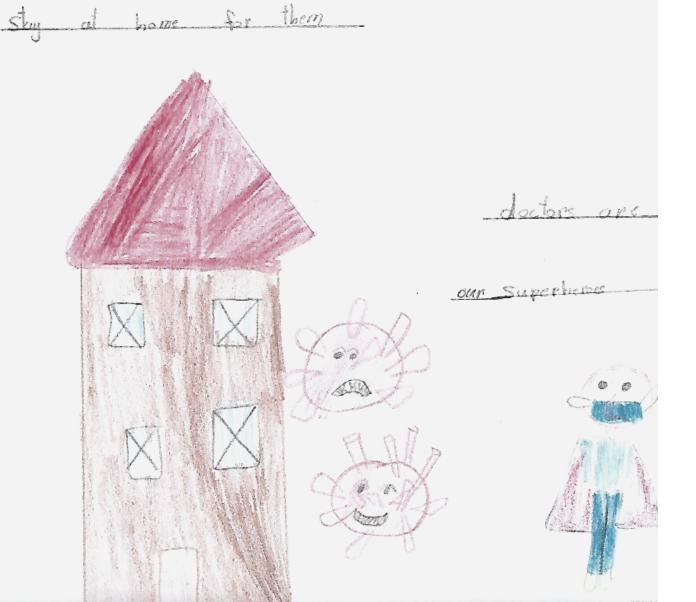
Corona virus

(covid-19)

DOCTORS GO TO
WORK FOR YOU,
YOU STAY AT
HOME FOR THEM.
DOCTORS ARE OUR
SUPER HEROES

Doctors go to work for you you

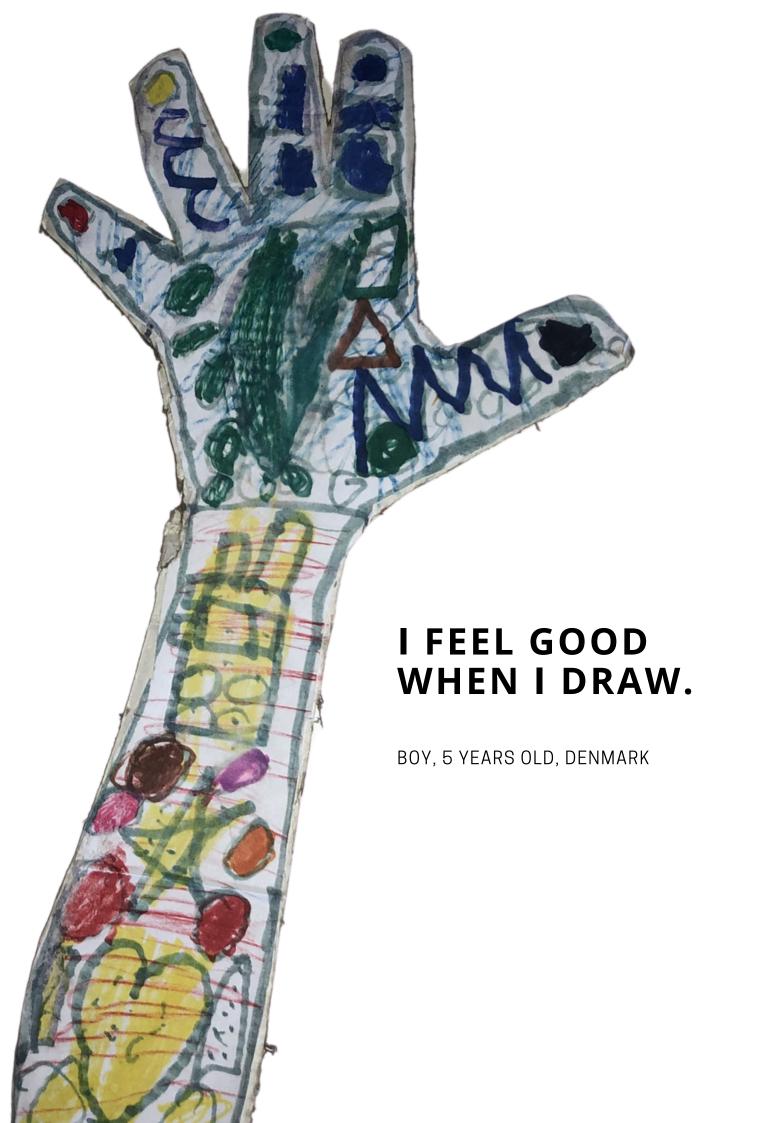
GIRL, PALESTINE, 9 YEARS OLD



WE CAN ELIMINATE CORONAVIRUS. THEN, WE WILL BE ABLE TO PLAY AGAIN WITH OUR FRIENDS, GO TO SCHOOL AND GO ON HOLIDAY

GIRL, 9 YEARS OLD, MADAGASCAR





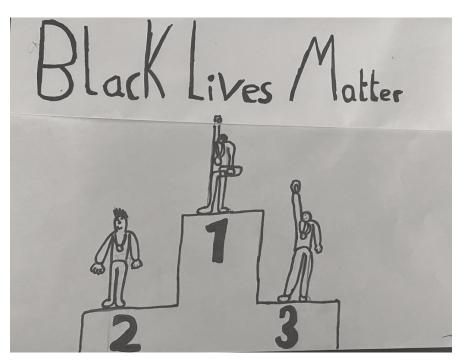
THE WORLD WILL BE HAPPY

GIRL, 6 YEARS OLD, BURKINA FASO



I LIKE THIS PHOTO, I HAVE THE POSTER IN MY ROOM. IT MAKES ME THINK OF THE WAY PEOPLE HAD TO FIGHT A LONG TIME AGO, AND HOW THEY SHARED THEIR MESSAGE TO THE WORLD. WE SHOULD ALL FIGHT BECAUSE BLACK LIVES MATTER!

BOY, 8 YEARS OLD, IRELAND

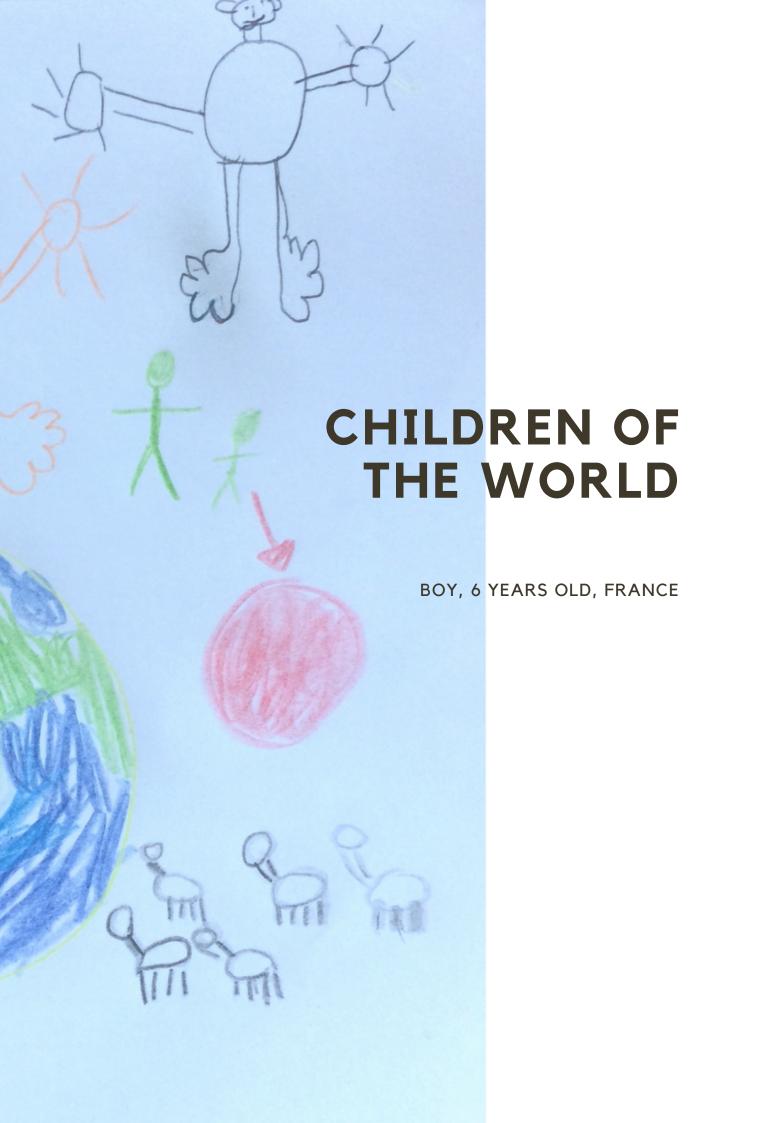




I LOVE ALL THE DIFFERENT COLORS AND ORIGINS THAT WE HAVE IN MY FAMILY. WE HAVE A LOT OF STORIES TO TELL AND LISTEN TO.

BOY, 9 YEARS OLD, NEPAL





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