But trying to put God in a box is silly. The Almighty can’t be contained by five panels and a lid. In our sinful minds, we often restrict Him to a small space, thinking: There’s no way God can meet all my needs, or There’s no way God can help me in all my troubles, or There’s no way God can love me completely.

But nothing could be further from the truth! Stop reading this magazine for a moment and imagine a God whose knowledge can’t be understood, whose power is with limit and whose love has no end. Finished? Well, whatever you just imagined isn’t nearly enough. Your thoughts are bound by human limitations. You basically just dipped your little toe into the indescribably enormous ocean of knowing God.

Super Snapshot
Do you want an accurate picture of God? Just read Psalm 139. (Asking your parents to read it with you could create an enormous ocean of knowing God!) The first five verses of Psalm 139 describe Him:

- “You KNOW when I sit and when I rise.”
- “You PERCEIVE my thoughts from afar.”
- “You DISCERN my going out and my lying down.”
- “You HEM me in behind and before.”
- “You HAVE LAID your hand upon me.”

God is not distant and uncaring. He is a loving heavenly Father. He knows every detail about you: the color of your eyes, how much you weigh and the number of hairs on your head. He knows what your favorite candy bar is. He knows every word you’ll speak.

Here and There and . . .
God not only knows everything. He also exists everywhere (see verses 7-12). That can be tough to understand, but God is not human. He is Spirit, and He lives everywhere. Every corner of the universe is under His authority.

God’s existence, in fact, extends well beyond us. He was around long before we were. Psalm 139:13-16 contains one of the Bible’s most beautiful descriptions of God’s creative abilities. The Lord God Almighty, who contains one of the Bible’s most beautiful descriptions of God’s creative abilities. The Lord God Almighty, who created countless planets, stars and galaxies, carefully formed you out of nothing. He “knit” and “wove” you into His image with the skill of a master craftsman.

God’s affectionately created humans, or there’s no way God can help me in all my troubles, or There’s no way God can love me completely.

Loved Without Limit
Let these truths encourage you! Are you struggling with loneliness? Do you feel bad for all the times you sin? Have you ever thought, I’m just not good enough? Well, Psalm 139 reveals the error in that thinking, because here’s the amazing truth: God knows us completely . . . and He still loves us!

Let’s face it: We are not very lovable. Apart from God we are mean, selfish, disobedient people. God knows the darkness of our sinful hearts. Every act of disobedience is recorded in heaven’s library. (Revelation 20:12.) And despite all this, God looked at His only Son, Jesus Christ, and basically said, “They deserve death. But I want You to suffer in their place.”

Why in the world did God do this? Because He loves us.

Still Bigger
Are you jumping and shouting for joy yet? You might want to! This is the wonderful truth of Psalm 139—that a holy, sinless God affectionately created humans, watched as we chose to disobey Him and still loved us enough to send Jesus to die for our sins.

Do you know what that means? You are invaluable to God. The Lord of the universe loves you more than you can imagine. He wants you to repent of your sins and trust Him so He can welcome you to live with Him for eternity.

What a great God! So, remember that box—the imaginary one you might have stuffed God in? Open it wide! God and His love for us are far too big for the tiny boxes of our limited minds.

Let’s start thinking bigger thoughts of God!