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[Children's Category – Honorable Mention]

My Values

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There are many values in my life that I cherish, but the greatest value is my family. I believe that the family in the life of every person is very important, because these are the closest and dearest people who will listen, help, calm, support and give useful advice if we feel bad or we find ourselves in a difficult life situation.

I value the fact that in my family I receive love and protection. These are the strongest qualities. Family traditions and customs are also very important to me. I really like the family vacation that we have every year. We go on trips, visit places inside the country and abroad.

I love getting together with my family and celebrating the holidays. But the most interesting time is on the eve of the holidays, when we prepare secretly gifts from each other. What a joy to get what you have long dreamed of!

It is such happiness when a family lives together, peacefully and calmly.

I also value friendship with my friends very much. They are mostly from school. I also highly appreciate the fact that I caught my great-grandfather alive, who fought in the Second World War. He was 95 years old when he passed away. I loved him very much. Almost every month my family and I went to visit him. He constantly told me about his difficult military life. I listened to his stories with great interest and always wondered how he could survive in such hot battles. I also told him my life stories. We laughed and joked together, had an interesting time. I had a lot of fun with him.

Grandfather has not been with us for half a year now, but we still celebrate Victory Day as

always with him, we will also get together with the whole family every year on Victory Day to remember and thank grandfather and all other participants in the war who allowed us to live in peaceful country.

But my most important value is that I live in a world without war. War is the worst thing that can happen in a person's life. I am very glad that we have a calm and stable life, that shots and explosions of shells are not heard in our streets, nothing threatens my loved ones and I am not afraid of losing them. Together we must protect our lives in every way in order to always live in peace.

I understand that when I grow up, the circle of my values will expand, but these core values will remain with me forever.

When I become an adult girl, my life will be completely independent. I will no longer live with my family. Perhaps I will move to another city, or maybe to another country. I will not see my relatives and friends so often, as I will be busy studying at the institute, then work, and after my family. But I will keep in touch with them all the time. I will strive to see them more often, to use their support and advice. I will also remember what they did for me and highly appreciate their kindness, care and merits. And thus, I will never lose such values.

The world is very important to me. I will not support directions that will lead to the destruction of the world. Also, I want to become a person who will not give people problems and no threat. I will try to become a pleasant person in communication, peaceful and decent.

I would like to create a society in which the people around me are kind, honest, reliable and positive. It is very important for me that these people are cultured, with diverse interests, and that it is easy and pleasant to communicate with them. I am sure that I will succeed, because I will put all my efforts into it.