**Pause Station**

Featured Work: *Nurtured* byJon Kolkin

Insight Activity: It Takes a Village/Appreciating Interdependence



Narrative:

Let’s take about 10 seconds to look at this photograph. Here we see a 6-year-old boy surrounded by fellow monks at a Buddhist monastery in northern India. What does his facial expression, the interplay of hands and the juxtaposition of the monks bodies suggest about their relationship?

It’s important to understand that throughout Asian it would be considered disrespectful for anyone, other than a close family member, to put their hand on a child’s head.

Now think about your own childhood. How many people, both within, and outside of your biological family, were directly involved in your physical, emotional and intellectual development? And how about individuals you never even met? What contributions to the quality of your life were made by animals? How about the environment? So, how do you define ‘Family’?