

Like a CHILD

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1 John 3:1-2b

Maturing into Childhood

Being a grown up, has anyone ever called you a child (or in ways similar)? Think about a parent, teacher, pastor, sibling, or someone who connected with you as a kid

1. Read **1 John 3:1**. How does knowing that we are God's children help us "see what great love the Father has lavished on us"?

2. Why is a child-like way necessary for maturing our relationship with God, in contrast to relying our intellect and competency?

1 John 3:2 (NIV). Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been _____. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him _____.

4. Consider a child who takes up a crayon, draws, and soon eagerly presents a drawing to mom and dad. Picture as a child how you might have done so with unreserved enthusiasm. How can our faith be simple?

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5. What can result from faith, when people respond to Jesus? Three examples:

Jesus reveals...	What act of faith is required?	Impacts or life-change as a result
John 1:12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, He gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.		
John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."		
Luke 10:2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 16 "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me." 17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."		

6. In what ways do you want to be more like a child – living as you “see Him as He is” (1 John 3:2b)?