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2 most important things we learn in Bible:

1. Who God is
2. Who you are are

## NOTES:

Do you BELONG to Christ?

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Everyone begins life as a CHILD

## Healthy people become MATURING ADULTS

### NOTES:

#### **Galatians 4:4-5**

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Am I a SLAVE or a SON?

### NOTES:

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Do you see God as MASTER or FATHER?

### NOTES:

#### **Talk it over:**

1. From your perspective, how do we learn who God is and who we are from the Bible?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13:11- what do you think this passage means?
3. How can we begin to see ourselves as Sons of God?
4. How can we help people see God as Father instead of master?