Child of God

Joe enters; a pencil is tied to one hand, a notebook to the other (Or use human hands).

Joe (titling head from side to side): Hmm… Hmm…

(Ashley enters)

Ashley: What are you working on, Joe?

Joe (looks up at Ashley): Oh, hi Ashley! My Sunday school teacher wants us to write a paper called, “What it means to be a Child of God.” If we turn it in this Sunday, we get a candy bar! So, I have to finish it soon!

Ashley: So how’s it coming along?

Joe: Not very well. I know that a person becomes God’s child when they accept Jesus as their savior. But, after that, I don’t know what to say!

Ashley: Wow! That is a problem.

Joe (sheepishly): Do you think you could help me?

Ashley: I’ll try!

Joe: Thanks!

Ashley: One thing that comes to my mind is that whenever I’m sad, my dad is there to comfort me. I can climb into his lap and tell him what’s wrong.

Joe: Yeah… my dad’s like that too.

Ashley: If my earthly father is caring and understanding, don’t you think that God is even more caring to His own children?

Joe: Of course!
Ashley: Then Christians should never hesitate to tell God, their Heavenly Father, what’s going on in their lives. Like a parent, He will give them the love and comfort they need.

Joe: Wow, I never thought of that. What else can I write?

Ashley: Let’s see…have you ever made your parents upset?

Joe: Me? Never!

Ashley: Joe….

Joe: All right, I guess I have, once or twice.

Ashley: Were you afraid that they didn’t love you anymore or that they didn’t want you to be their son?

Joe: Of course not!

Ashley: Why not?

Joe: Well, they’re my parents. They always love me, no matter what I do. And nothing can ever stop me from being their son!

Ashley: That’s right! And it’s just the same with God. Once somebody is His child, they’re always His child.

Joe: But what about when people sin?

Ashley: Some people are afraid that they can lose their salvation. But that’s not what the Bible says. John 10:27-29 says, “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.” When a Christian sins, their fellowship with God is broken. But they’re still His child! He’ll always forgive people when they confess their sins. He loves them unconditionally!

Joe: Wait! Let me write this down! (Pretends to write) He loves them un … un what?
Ashley: Unconditionally…that means that whatever they do, He still loves them.

Joe: Hey, that’s pretty cool! Any other ideas?

Ashley: Hmm…do you think that you look like your parents?

Joe: Well, I have (fill in appropriate color) hair like my mom, and whenever my Grandma comes she says that I look more like my dad everyday.

Ashley: Since Christians are God’s kids, shouldn’t they look more and more like Him everyday?

Joe: But, aren’t Christians adopted? I mean, they weren’t always God’s children … they became Children of God.

Ashley: That’s a good point. But look at my little sister—she’s adopted, but she acts like my mom. That’s because she spends so much time with her.

Joe: Don’t tell me—if people spend time with God, they’ll start to act more like Him?

Ashley: Hey! You’re catching on quick!

Joe: Is there anything else?

Ashley: As a matter of fact, there is. Nobody in the Old Testament called God “Father”. That’s a privilege that believers today have only because of Jesus.

Joe: Wow! Jesus is so awesome!

Ashley: He sure is!

Joe (looking at paper): Let’s see, is that everything?

Ashley: I’m sure there’s a lot more about God that I don’t know, but this is it for now.
Joe: I guess I’m done, then.

(*Ashley turns to leave*)

Joe: Oh wait!

(*Ashley stops, and turns back toward Joe*)

Joe: I thought of something you didn’t!

Ashley: Impossible!

Joe: No, I really did.

Ashley: What did you think of?

Joe: When I was at the store, this stranger came up to me. She said, “Hey, are you Larry Miller’s son?” I said, “Yes, how did you know?” She replied, “because you look like him!”

Ashley: Yeah?

Joe: Well, I was thinking, wouldn’t it be cool if a Christian was at the store and a complete stranger could tell that they were God’s child, just because they acted so much like Jesus?

Ashley: Hey! That would be cool! If Christians spend time with God, they will conform to His image, and people around them will see a difference!

Joe: That’s the perfect ending for my story. I’m sure I’ll get it done on time now, and get that candy bar. Thanks for all your help, Ashley. I couldn’t have done it without you!

(*Joe starts to leave*)

Ashley: Does that mean I get part of your candy bar, Joe? (*He doesn’t stop*)

Joe: Joe Miller, come back here! (*Chases him off stage.*)