



National Youth Sunday 2018

Bound Together: Clothed in Christ (Colossians 3:12-15)

Children's Story by Emilie Deffenbaugh

Need:

Paper doll

Paper clothes with words from verse written on them

Idea:

There are certain things we get to choose in our day. *(let children respond)*

(If no children guess "clothes"): Most of us also get to choose what we wear in the morning. Who gets to choose what they wear to school!

The scripture we are reading today talks about certain things that we need to wear. *(show them the doll)* The doll represents us and *(show them the clothes)* the clothes represent the things we can choose. *(On the clothes have the words compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Explain each word as you put it on the doll.)*

Compassion- first you need to choose to be compassionate. Does anyone know how you can be compassionate? *(let children respond)* It is important to be compassionate because it shows that we care. If someone is sad, it could make them feel better if you are nice, or compassionate, to them. *(put compassion paper on doll)*

Kindness *(Ex. Pants)* - you also need to be kind. How can you be kind to others? *(let children respond)* Kindness is important because just like with compassion, when we are kind we can make someone feel better. *(put kindness on the doll)*

Humility *(ex. Shirt)* - Next is humility. You need to be humble instead of being proud. Humility is important because we want to put others before ourselves. *(put humility on the doll)*



Gentleness (*Ex. Shoes*) - Gentleness is important because God wants us to be simple and kind. When we are gentle we can see the ones who are in need. (*put gentleness on the doll*)

Patience (*ex. Hat*) - Patience is one of the hardest things to choose to do. We need to show patience because God wants us to remember to slow down and keep calm. (*put patience on the doll*)

Forgiveness - We need to remember that this is going to be hard but that forgiving the people who have hurt you will make it easier.

But we need to remember that we should do these things with love. You need to show love for others. That is the most important thing. It is what connects all the others. Just like when we put all the clothes on the doll they create an outfit, love connects all the words to create perfect unity.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, please help us remember to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient. We thank you for giving us the opportunity to show these qualities. Thank you for sending us your Son Jesus. Amen.