

Sunday School Craft

Dress Yourself in God's Love

SCRIPTURES:

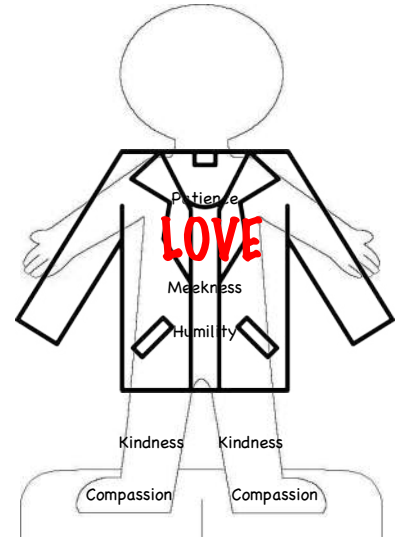
As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (**Colossians 3:12-14**)

MATERIALS:

- Paper Person Template (to follow) – copy and cut down center
- Colored Pencils or Crayons
- Scissors

PREPARATION:

- Make a sample
- Cut out paper “people” and “coats” for younger students



DIRECTIONS:

Explain to students that we are going to “Dress ourselves in God’s love” using a paper figure. As you read through and teach Colossians 3:12-14, students will “draw” in the piece of clothing you direct them to on their paper person.

1. Give each student a paper person and paper “coat.” Cut out. Be sure students cut out the “tabs” on the coat so they remain attached. (They will be “folded over” and used to attach to the paper person.) If you have younger students, you may want to cut out the coats in advance.

SAY: Colossians 3:12-14 teaches us that we are God’s chosen ones. We are holy and beloved. As a child of God, we are asked to live ourselves being good and kind to others. It is as if God is putting special clothes on our bodies to make us live a Christian life. So, let’s dress ourselves in God’s love!

2. **SAY:** The first piece of clothing that God asks us to wear is **COMPASSION**. Compassion means to be understanding to others when they are suffering. Draw **SHOES** on your person to represent **COMPASSION**. (Using any colored crayons, children will draw shoes over the word “Compassion” on their paper person.)
3. **SAY:** The next piece of clothing that God asks us to wear is **KINDNESS**. Kindness means to be nice and forgiving to others. Draw **SOCKS** on your person to represent **KINDNESS**. (Using any colored crayon, children will draw socks over the word “Kindness” on their paper person They can be short socks, long socks – whatever they wish!)
4. **SAY:** God asks us to wear **HUMILITY**. Humility means that you do not think you are better than anyone. Draw a pair of **PANTS** or **SHORTS** on your person to represent **HUMILITY**.
5. **SAY:** God asks us to wear **MEEKNESS**. Meekness means to be gentle and quiet. Draw a **BELT** on your person to represent **MEEKNESS**.
6. **SAY:** God asks us to wear **PATIENCE**. Patience means to be wait for something without getting upset. Draw a **SHIRT** on your person to represent **PATIENCE**. (Shirt may be long-sleeved, short-sleeved, a tank top – whatever they wish!)
7. **SAY:** In Colossians 3:12-14, God asks us to “bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you.” And the most important piece of clothing that God says for us to wear and clothe ourselves with is **LOVE**. LOVE binds everything together in perfect harmony.
8. Color the paper **COAT**. **Attach to paper person by “folding over” the tabs onto the paper body. Attach stand at bottom. Continue to color the person to look like you by adding eyes, nose, mouth, hair, etc.**

