



IN WITH the NEW

DIGGING DEEPER:

(Read Colossians 3:1-17)

What does it mean to “clothe” yourselves with something? Specifically brainstorm some specific ways to “clothe” yourselves with: Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Gentleness, Patience.

This portion of scripture talks a lot about thankfulness. Take a minute to go around and share what you are thankful for.

Use this opportunity to discuss these Godly character traits of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Don't just brainstorm ways to clothe yourself with these traits, but talk about the challenges of living this out. What makes it hard to have compassion? What makes you tend to lose patience?

When it comes to thankfulness, help your kids to get beyond the obvious (food, shelter etc.). Colossians calls us into a deeper understanding of what it means to live as God's chosen people. We can't just be thankful in the good times. Help them consider how we can do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, and be thankful, regardless of our circumstances.

ACTIVITY:

(Colossians 3:1-13)

Putting on the Right Clothes!

Steps:

- 1) Gather one dice and TWO of the following: hat, shirt, shorts, pair of socks, pair of shoes, accessories.
- 2) Attach the following cards to each piece of clothing: “compassion” on hats, “kindness” on shirts, “humility” on shorts, “gentleness” on socks, “patience” on shoes, and “love” on accessories.
- 3) Put each set of clothes in two separate buckets.
- 4) Create a number: One=compassion, two=kindness, three=humility, four=gentleness, five=patience and 6=Love.
- 5) Divide into 2 teams. **Pick one person from each team to be the one who will wear the items in the bucket.*
- 6) *Before you begin start by saying: “Name some brand names of clothes that you really like. (Wait for responses.) Why do you think those clothes are so cool? (Wait for responses.) Did you guys know that God cares about how you clothe yourself? (Wait for response.) Well, believe it or not, He does. He cares a lot and I am going to prove it to you.”*
- 7) Read and have player listen to Colossians 3:12-13. Say: *“I don't think you'll find any of these clothes at the mall, but you can find them by getting to know God and by becoming more like Him. Today, we are going to commit to these qualities by playing a fun game.”*

To Play:

- 1) We will have two teams and one person from each team will eventually be dressed in all of the clothes that you see here. (Hold up each article of clothing.)
- 2) Each team member will roll the dice and share what it would look like to be dressed in that quality. They get to dress his teammate in that quality. *(Roll until a quality is repeated and then the turn moves to the next team.)*
- 3) The first team to get their teammate dressed is the winner. Let's have some fun!

(You could also play without teams just to learn these qualities.)