

Optional: Kids' Activities

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/42VTBdNpxyU?si=dOjupG-wub7T2AY0>

Experiment: *"Clothing" the Dirty Water*

Supplies:

- 2 clear cups or jars
- Dirty water (mix soil, food coloring, or pepper in water)
- Coffee filter, paper towel, or fabric (to represent "clothing")
- Rubber band
- Clean water

Steps:

1. Show the kids the dirty water. Explain this is like our hearts without God's love—full of selfishness and meanness.
2. Place the filter or fabric over the empty cup and secure it with a rubber band. This represents *"putting on"* compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.
3. Slowly pour the dirty water through the filter.
4. The filtered water will be much cleaner in the second cup. (It may not be perfect, but visibly better.)
5. Explain: Just like the filter keeps out dirt, when we clothe ourselves with love, it changes how we act. It helps keep out anger, unkindness, and selfishness.

"Just like the filter helped clean the dirty water, God changes our hearts when we believe in Jesus. On our own, our hearts are like the dirty water—full of sin. But when we trust in Jesus, He forgives us and gives us new life. That's the gospel—the good news! And as we grow as His followers, God keeps making us more like Jesus. The Bible calls this *sanctification*. Colossians 3:12–17 tells us to "put on" things like kindness, gentleness, patience, and love. That's like choosing every day to let God's Spirit work in us so our lives look more and more like Jesus."

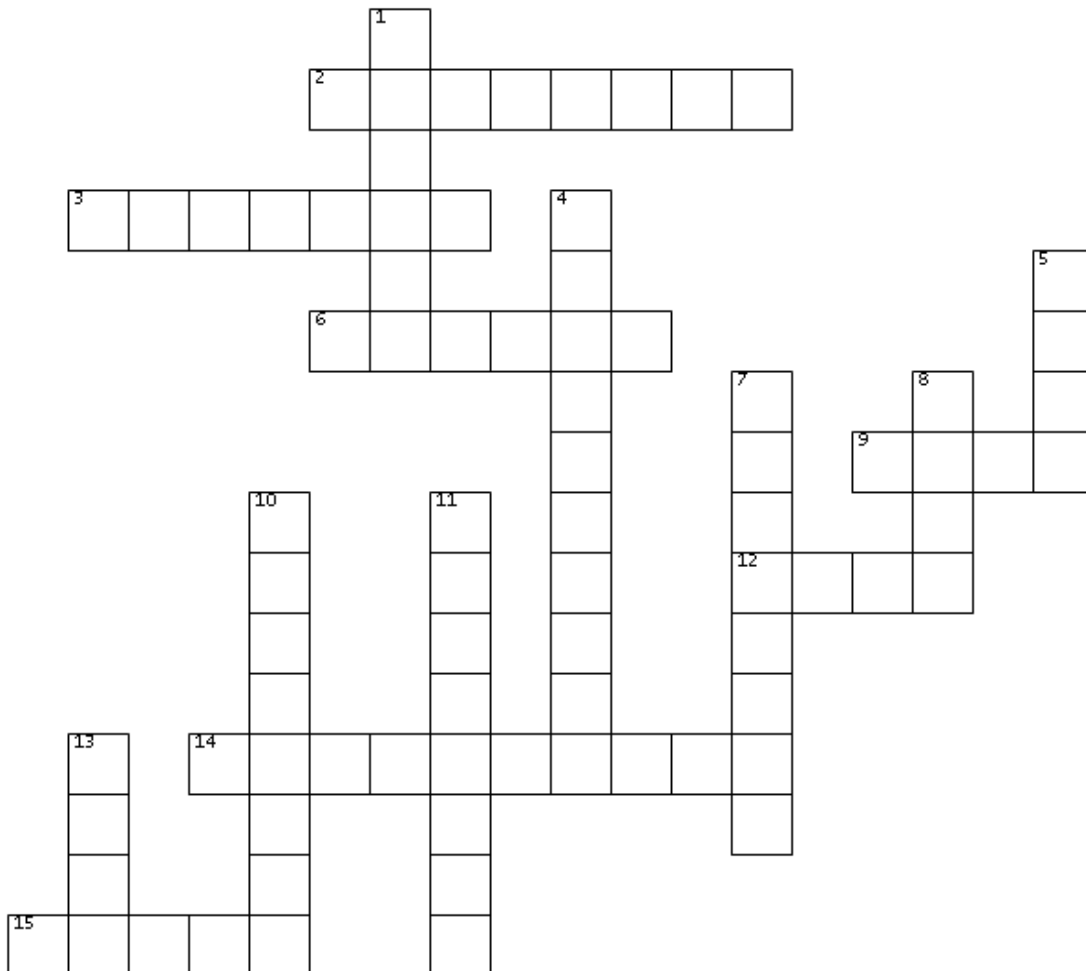
Colossians 3:12-17 Crossword

ACROSS

2. And be _____. (v.15)
3. _____ with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. (v.13)
6. ...through _____, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. (v.16)
9. Let the _____ of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another. (v.16)
12. And whatever you do, in _____ or in _____, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus. (v.17)
14. We are also told to put on _____ (being soft and careful with others).
15. And let the _____ of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. (v.15)

DOWN

1. ...giving _____ to God the Father through him. (v.17)
4. Paul says to put on _____ (showing care for others).
5. And whatever you do, in _____ or in _____, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus. (v.17)
7. Paul says to put on compassion, _____ (being nice to others).
8. Just as the _____ has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. (v.13)
10. The last thing in this verse is _____ (waiting without getting upset).
11. Another thing to put on is _____ (not thinking too highly of yourself).
13. Above all, put on _____, which is the perfect bond of unity. (v.14)



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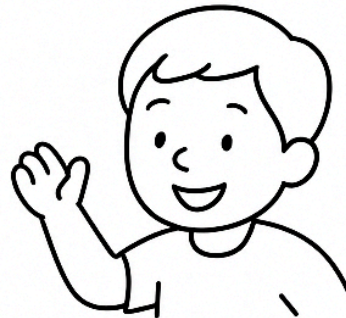
Paul says to "put on" kindness, patience, and love. What do you think it means to wear those?



Jesus forgives us. Why should we forgive others too?



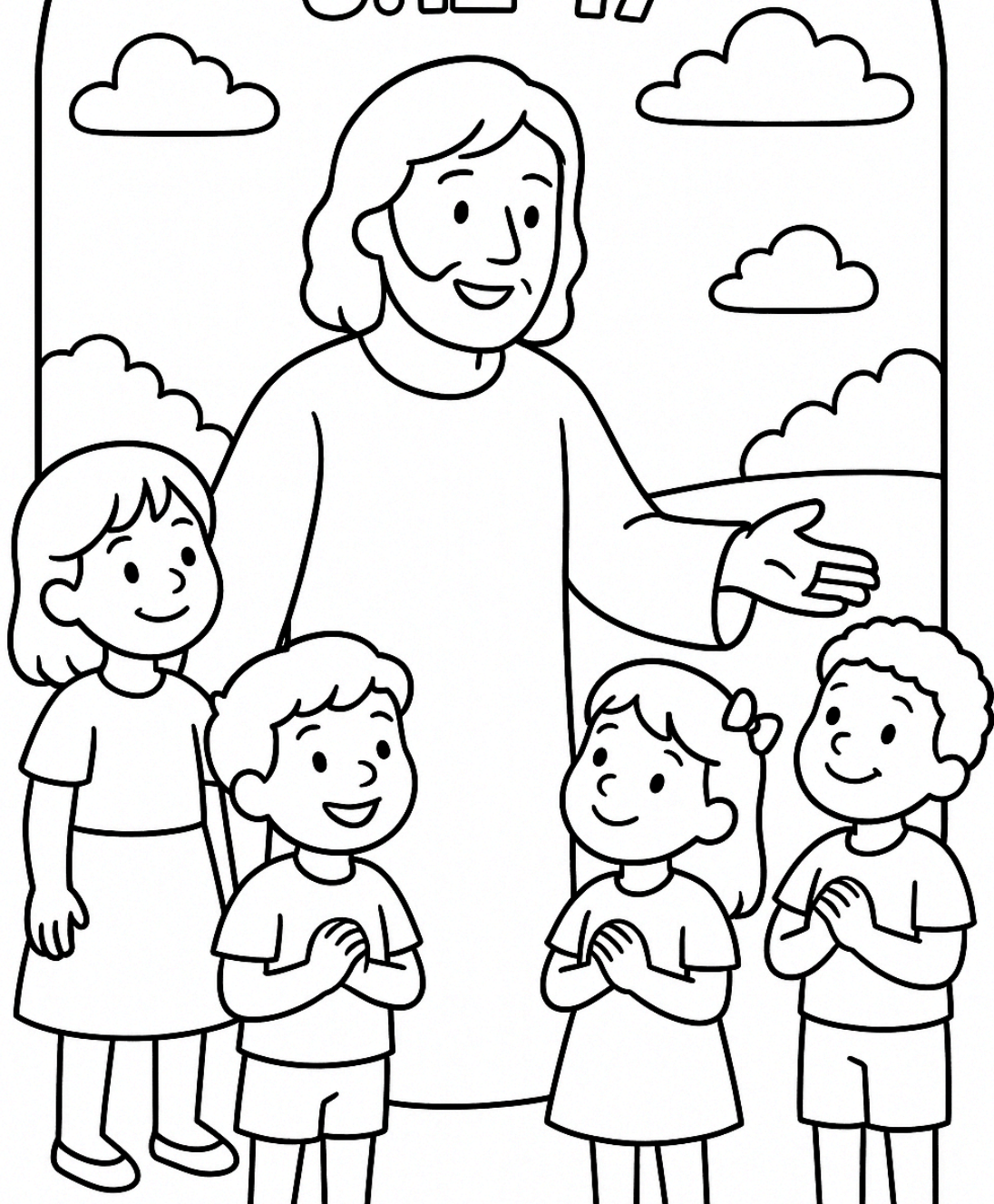
The Bible says to be thankful. What is one thing you are thankful for today?



Verse 17 says we can do everything for Jesus. What is one thing you can do for Jesus this week?

COLOSSIANS

3:12-17



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Answer Key

