



DRESSED FOR WORK

How are my favorite Superkids doing? This is still early in the new year, but I know that you are seeing things change all around you, as you're hanging out with Jesus.

Last month we decided to be about our Father's kingdom business! That's a huge thought for a kid. Where do I start? Who tells me what to do? What's my first job? Jesus had to figure all this out too.

Where Do We Start?

When you start working for a company, one of the first things they tell you is what to wear. You may have a company shirt with your name on it or a name badge that tells customers who you are. You've seen this when you go into a store. It's easy to see who can help you when they have a shirt with the name of the company on it. I guess the place to start is dressing right for work! Don't worry, Superkid, I'm not talking about wearing a dress or a suit all the time! The clothes you wear don't tell people that you work for the Lord. There is something else that acts like a bright red T-shirt with **I BELONG TO JESUS** in big letters on the front AND back. Jesus tells us what it is in John 13:34-35, *New International Reader's Version*: "I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I

have loved you. **If you love one another**, everyone will know you are my disciples."

If you want everyone to know who you work for, you have to wear your LOVE work clothes!

Colossians 3:12-14 says, "You are God's chosen people. You are holy and dearly loved. **So put on tender mercy and kindness as if they were your clothes.** Don't be proud. Be gentle and patient. Put up with one another. Forgive one another if you are holding something against someone. Forgive, just as the Lord forgave you. **And over all these good things put on love.**"

The love we have on the inside shows up to people on the outside! It causes us to be kind, humble, gentle and patient with others. They can see that we forgive. When the Word says "over all," it's telling us that these characteristics in our lives all come out of love.

Sometimes when people come home from work, the first thing they do is put on something more comfortable. Sadly, too many times we act just like that with our love clothes. We work hard all day to obey at school, be nice to our friends, make a good impression

at church and then come home and get "comfortable" with the ones we love the most. The love of Jesus never stops loving. When you find yourself loving less Jesus-like, put your clothes back on! Love your parents, brothers and sisters. When it's hard for me to love, I do two things.

FIRST, I switch from my love to the love of Jesus by saying, "Jesus, I love You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength and I love my neighbor (or my sister or brother) as myself."

SECOND, I remind myself what the Jesus love clothes look like by reading 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, "Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not want what belongs to others. It does not brag. It is not proud. It does not dishonor other people. It does not look out for its own interests. It does not easily become angry. It does not keep track of other people's wrongs. Love is not happy with evil. But it is full of joy when the truth is spoken. It always protects. It always trusts. It always hopes. It never gives up."

Love is the color of your work shirt. Don't take it off when you get home—your family needs the love of Jesus coming from you. Your love clothes never need to be washed or mended because, Superkid, "Love never fails" (verse 8).

The love of God never fails—never fails you, never fails others. When we wear our Jesus clothes, people will see not only His love in us, they will begin to see HIM! His love flowing out of us to others, grows and grows as we spend time with the One who LOVES US!

Happy Valentine's Day, Superkids. I hope I answered your question about where to start. Now Jesus wants me to ask YOU a very important Valentine question:

WILL YOU BE MINE?

LOVE, LOVE, LOVE, Commander Kellie

