

## Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

*People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within. —Elisabeth Kübler-Ross*

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**A**n eighth-grade teacher in New Jersey wore the same dress for 100 consecutive days to call attention to the need for sustainable fashion.

Meet Julia Mooney, an art teacher at William Allen Middle School in Moorestown, New Jersey. At the beginning of the 2018 school year, she put on a simple gray button-down dress and then wore it every school day for 100 days straight.

Can you imagine that? I can. Let's say you're retired, and you don't have a job to go to every day. And let's say, you see very few people these days, or that you live in a single room in an assisted-living home. You don't need to wear something different every day.

But if you are a teacher like Mooney, wearing the same dress for days on end doesn't make sense. Why would she do this?

It wasn't about being weird. For Mooney, it was important to teach her students about the growing "culture of excess" that has filled American closets to overflowing with cheap clothing that isn't ethically sourced or manufactured and that, most of the time, eventually winds up in a landfill.

Instead, Julia advocates for what she calls "sustainable fashion": wearing the same clothes more often, and making sure they're recycled when they are replaced or no longer needed.

The apostle Paul was an advocate for sustainable fashion, too. He talks about clothing in today's Bible reading. He argues that we shouldn't dress in tones of "anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language" (v. 8). Instead, we should be "clothed ... with the new self" (v. 10), by which he meant such virtues as love, joy, gentleness, peace, meekness and patience. (See Galatians 5:22-23.)

So, what are you going to wear today?

—Timothy Merrill, adapted from "Sustainable Fashion," HomileticsOnline.com, August 4, 2019. Used by permission.

*Prayer: O God, I know that there is nothing more attractive than to appear before others wearing the beautiful clothes of righteousness. Help me choose the right "wardrobe" for today. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

*Blessings,  
Lisa & Pastor Ben Woltz*

**Daily Bible Readings**

- Sunday:** Acts 13-14  
**Monday:** 2 Kings 22-25  
**Tuesday:** Obadiah  
**Wednesday:** Jeremiah 1-2  
**Thursday:** Jeremiah 3-5  
**Friday:** Jeremiah 6-8  
**Saturday:** Psalms 82-84

## WHAT NUMBERS?

What numbers should replace the question marks?

7	8	9	8
5	1	1	4
2	7	8	4
2	2	7	2
?	?	1	2

## WHAT BIBLE BOOK?

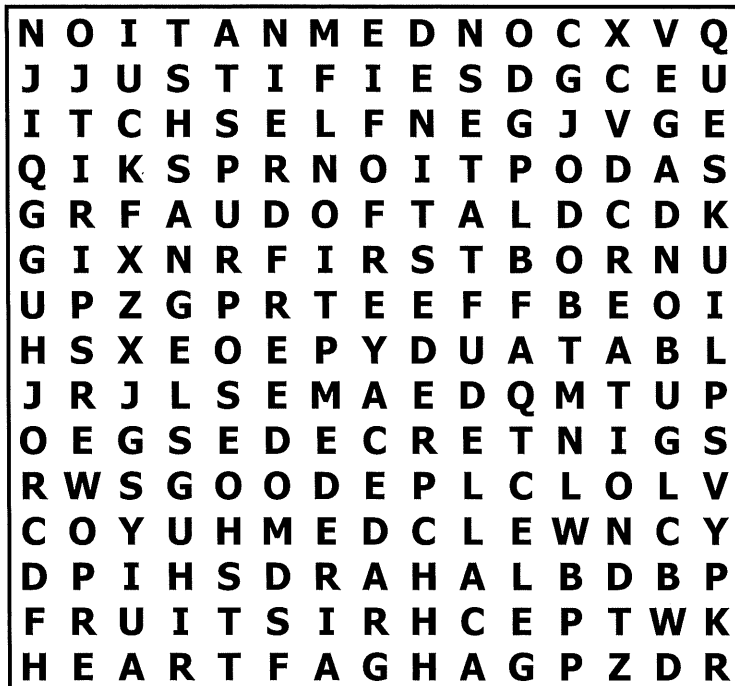
In what book of the Bible would you find the following popular Bible stories? Write your answers in the white space to the right.

- Jonah and the fish
- Daniel in the lion's den
- The visit of the magi
- The prodigal son
- Noah and the flood
- David and Goliath
- Manna in the wilderness
- Joseph's multi-colored coat
- The annunciation
- The wedding at Cana

## WORD SEARCH

### ROMANS 8

This is one of the great chapters of Scripture. In it we find such themes as what it means to walk in the Spirit and how we cannot be separated from the love of God. Find the words taken from this chapter in the word search below.



Abba	elect	Jesus	adoption	family
justifies	angels	firstborn	Lord	bondage
flesh	love	called	freedom	Spirit
Christ	fruits	powers	condemnation	heart
glorified	peace	creation	conquerors	
good	purpose	hardship	decay	
died	intercedes	redemption	predestined	

**ANSWER to What Numbers?:**  
 0 and 5. Subtract the lower line from the one immediately above it and put the answer directly below. **Answers to What Bible Book?**

- Jonah
- Daniel
- Matthew
- Luke
- Genesis
- 1 Samuel
- Exodus
- Genesis
- Luke
- John