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Title: Put on Your PPE

Theme: Put on Jesus to protect you from sin

Object: Latex gloves, respirator, sanitary wipes, hand sanitizer.

Text: Rom 13:14 (NKJV) But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Here the Bible says that we should “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” so we will not fall into temptation and decide to disobey God.

What is it called when we disobey God? (That’s sin.)

And the Bible says that the wages of sin is death.

God’s punishment for sin is death. That’s really serious isn’t it?

In the judgement, sin brings us eternal death.

That’s bad news, isn’t it? Because we have all sinned.

That’s why we need Jesus to be our Savior.

And if we love Jesus, we’ll want to stay as far away from sin as we can.

How many of you have ever had a cold or a cough?

And when you cough or sneeze, how should you do it so nobody else gets your cold?

When you get a cold, you have germs, and you don’t want to spread your germs to anybody else.

Have you ever seen germs? (No. Germs are little bacteria or viruses that are too small to see.)

There are special microscopes called scanning electron microscopes that can magnify very tiny things so you can see them.

Would you like to see some germs? [Show pictures of various bacteria and tell the disease they cause.]

These bacteria, if they get into your body can make you really sick; they might even kill you.

So if you can’t see germs, how do you keep from getting germs and getting sick?

Well the best way is to stay as far away from these bacteria as you can.

But if you have to be near the bacteria, the next best thing is to wear PPE (personal protective equipment). [Show and demonstrate PPE]

When you are wearing PPE, bacteria can’t get into your body.

Well, what does all this have to do with Jesus.

Sin is like bacteria.

When sin get into us it’s like we have a bacterial infection that makes us sick and eventually kills us.

And Jesus is like the PPE.

When we have Jesus as our Savior, sin cannot take hold of us and kill us, because Jesus forgives our sins and takes them away.

So the Bible says that we need to put on the Lord Jesus Christ just like we put on these gloves and respirator.

When we love Jesus and stay close to Him, he will keep sin away from us.

And if some day we forget to put on our respirator and we sin by disobeying God,

All we have to do is tell Jesus we’re sorry and ask Him to forgive us, and He’ll kill the bacteria of sin before it kills us.