

## BEING GOD'S COPYCAT

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### Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Genesis 1:27, Ephesians 4:24, Galatians 2:20, 1 Corinthians 11:1

### Memory Verse

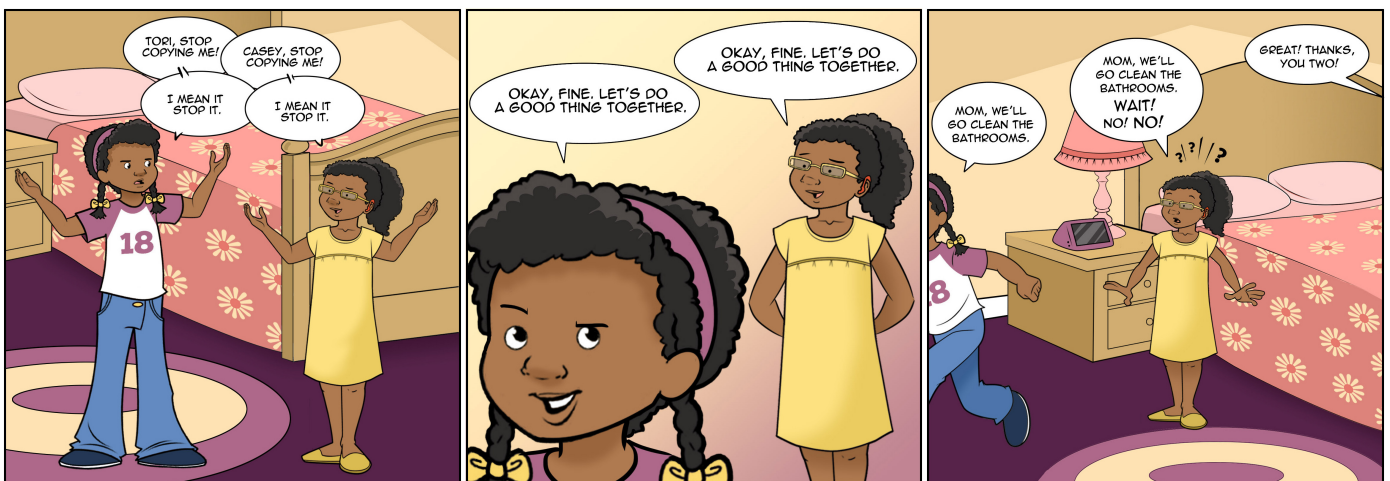
<sup>12</sup> God loves you and has chosen you as his own special people. So be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient.

**Colossians 3:12**



## CASEY'S DAY

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Have you ever followed someone around and tried to do exactly what they were doing or say what they were saying? It can be fun to pretend to be someone else or to act like them, but not everyone likes being copied like that. If you do it too much, they might tell you to “stop copying me!” However, there is someone who adores being copied: God.

As Christians, we’re called to “be like God in true righteousness and holiness” ([Ephesians 4:24](#)) every single day. In [Matthew 5:48](#), Jesus tells us to be perfect, just like God is perfect.

That seems like it would be a lot harder than following someone around and stepping where they step or repeating what they say. Thankfully, God gave us a guidebook. In today’s verse, God shows us how we can do what he does by acting with “compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” ([Colossians 3:12](#)).

There are so many ways we can do that. We can choose not to whine when someone gets a bigger slice of cake, clean up the toys in the living room, clear off the dinner table without being asked, pray for our friends and family, or we can even avoid yelling at someone who is copying our every action.

What are some other ways you can act with kindness, patience, compassion, humility, and gentleness?

## Prayer

Dear God, I want to be just like you. Please help me to be more compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient with my friends and family. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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