

Catholic Social Teaching

Wanda's One Hundred Dresses

Wanda is poor. She wears the same dress to Church and to every school event. She is a Polish immigrant girl. An immigrant is a person who has come from another country.

Children at her school make fun of Wanda because she is poor. They also make fun of her because her last name, Petronski, is difficult to say.

Wanda says that she has “100 dresses lined up in her closet” at home. Nobody believes her. She is too poor to have all those dresses.

One day her family moves away to the city. After Wanda leaves, her classmates find out things about her they never knew before. They realize how badly they treated her.

WE REACH OUT TO PEOPLE IN NEED

As Christians, we respect everyone. We reach out to people who are poor. We reach out to all people who need help.



Making Connections

You can read the story of Wanda in the book *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes. You can learn about how we should treat people.

with LANGUAGE ARTS

Read *The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes. Become a news reporter. Write some questions that you want to ask a classmate. Choose a person you do not know very well. Then write a news article telling what you found out. Share your news article with your class.



with CREATIVE ARTS

Cut out two paper dolls. Decorate one with clothing that you wear. Decorate another one with clothing that someone from a different country wears. The dolls can remind your class that all people deserve respect.

with MATH AND SCIENCE

Wanda drew 100 beautiful dresses. If she drew 5 dresses every week, how many weeks would it take her? If she spent 23 days drawing 3 dresses every day, how many dresses would that be?

Faith Action

Write one way that you can help someone who is different from you, feel special. I will
