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“Well, you see,” said her mother, “you are more than just a body. You are also a person living inside your body, and, the Holy Bible says that we have a heart and soul. This part of you, you can dress and decorate by being having a meek and quiet spirit, that is in the sight of God of great price.” By being sweet, friendly, and helpful too.

Kay looked at her shoes and dress. “Is it wrong to dress up and be pretty on the outside?” she asked. “No,” her mother answered, “it’s not wrong, but it’s not important. It’s more important to be pretty on the inside, because that’s what Jesus wants for us.”

Let’s ask Jesus to make us pretty on the inside:

“Dear Lord Jesus, We are glad that you love us whether we are pretty or not. Please make us pretty on the inside by giving us Jesus’ love and the Holy Spirit. Please help us to be kind, lovely, and clean on the inside, and forgive us when we are mean and selfish and proud. We ask this in Your Name, Jesus. Amen.”

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