

CWS BLANKETS CHILDREN'S SERMON

Super Blanket

PROPS: CWS Blanket, small items to fold into a blanket (like toiletries, children's books, a small stuffed animal, and warm clothing)

Introduction: Begin by asking, "Have you ever been really cold? Maybe on a chilly night or in the snow? What did it feel like?" Let the children respond and share. Then say, "When you're cold, would this be helpful?" and hold up the blanket for them to see.

Meet the Super Blanket! Say, "This isn't just a blanket; it's a Super Blanket! Just like superheroes, it can do amazing things."

Ask them: "What do you think you could do with this Super Blanket to help others?"

Gather ideas and acknowledge their creativity. For each suggestion, demonstrate with the blanket or let a child help you.

Demonstrate Uses: Share and act out a few creative ways the Super Blanket can be used in real-life emergencies. Get the kids to participate in each use.

Pillow: "If someone needed a soft place to rest, we could fold the blanket like this and make a pillow."

Suitcase: "Let's imagine someone needs to carry their important things. Let's open the blanket up, place these items inside, and roll it up like a suitcase." (Have children help put items into the blanket and roll it up.)

Tent: "And if someone needs a place to feel safe, our Super Blanket can be a little tent." (Have a few kids hold the edges and make a tent, inviting others to gather underneath for a cozy effect.)

After each use, ask, "What do you think? Pretty super, right?"

The Blanket as a Hug: Say, "This blanket is like a big hug made of cloth. When people feel sad or lonely, it helps them know someone cares about them. It's one way we can 'Blanket the World in Love.'"

Encourage them to each imagine giving the blanket to someone who might need it. "Who would you want to share a blanket with to help them feel warm and loved?"

Helping Together: Explain that Church World Service, with the help of donations, gives these blankets to people who need them after things like storms or other hard times. Emphasize that when we help share blankets, we are also sharing love.

Prayer: Lead the children in this prayer:

"Dear God, thank you for Super Blankets that bring warmth, comfort, and love to people all over the world. Help us remember that we can help others too, just like you love us. Amen."