

CWS BLANKETS CHILDREN'S SERMON

Super Blanket

PROPS: a CWS Blanket and items to fold into a blanket, such as toiletries, children's books, clothes.

Have you ever been really cold? What was that like? Did your teeth chatter?

(Demonstrate)

When you are cold, would this be helpful to have? (Hold up blanket)

What is this? That's right, it's a blanket.

What do you do with a blanket? You wrap it around you to keep warm. But this is no ordinary blanket—It's a Super Blanket. Just like Super Heroes, it can change into other things—to be used in other ways.

Can you think of any other way you might use this blanket? (Pause for ideas)

Well for example: (Demonstrate)

- Fold it up, and it can be a pillow.
- Open it up and put things into it, and it can be a suitcase.
- Put it over your head, and it can be a tent
(gather some children under the blanket to help hold up the edges).

For people who have gone through a disaster, like a flood or a tornado, a blanket might be used in all these ways. That's why blankets are such an important way to help people in need—and part of the reason we are taking an offering for CWS Blankets.

The warmth of a blanket serves a very valuable purpose—sometimes many purposes—but it also tells people who are lonely or hurting that someone cares about them. It's like a hug made out of cloth!

Blankets are just one of the many ways that Church World Service helps people in need. So when we give blankets, we're helping families who are going through hard times know that someone cares about them. That's why we call them Super Blankets.

And just like Super Heroes, we are helping our neighbors in need, and that's a good thing.

PRAYER: Dear God, thank you for these super blankets that help people stay warm and know that people love them. Amen.