

Children's Minute for Mission

Materials: Baby blanket and CWS Blanket

Speaker: *(Hold up a baby blanket.)*

Who can tell me what this is? *(Give kids time to answer.)*

You are right – a blanket. This is a favorite blanket of a little girl I know; she calls it her "blankie".

Do some of you have a favorite blanket - or had one when you were younger?

Is it big or little?

What color is it?

Is it heavy or light?

Does it always stay on your bed, or do you carry it with you to the couch when you are feeling sick or when you need to be comforted?

Do you like to snuggle with your blanket?
(Act out snuggling with your demo baby blanket.)

Have you ever made a fort or a tent with a blanket?

Do you ever use a blanket as a cape like Superman?
(Act this out to get a few giggles.)

What are some of the other things you can do with your blanket?

What else do you like about your blanket?

How would you feel if you lost your blanket or didn't have it anymore?
(Allow time for answers like, "I'd be sad; I'd want another blanket", etc.)

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Well, sometimes storms come, and children have to leave their houses with their mommies and daddies and find a good, dry, warm place to sleep. And sometimes they can't bring their favorite blankets with them. But we can help those children and their moms and dads by sending them warm blankets. And they only cost \$10.00. That's it! So for every \$10 that your church gives to Church World Service, we can send blankets to keep them warm. A warm blanket is like a warm hug.
(Hug one of the kids.)

(Hold up a CWS Blanket.)

Or we can provide a blanket to their mommy or daddy and they can make a tent out of it to keep the hot sun off them; or make a big bag out of it to carry their belongings or even to use like a cape to keep them warm when it's cold.

So, when you hold YOUR favorite blanket tonight as you cuddle up in your warm, safe bed, say a little prayer for the children in this world who are in need of a CWS Blanket.

For more resources to use with your congregation, please visit: cwsblankets.org