

## KEEPING WARM ☆

*The warmth and joy of a Christian family is a true blessing from God.*

### TOPICS:

Family, Happiness, Joy, Relationships

### MATERIALS:

Thermos

### DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes



### WHAT YOU WILL DO:

You will show everyone the thermos and explain how it can keep things warm for a very long time. You will compare the protection of a thermos to how God protects the Christian family and gives it many blessings.

### WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

This is a thermos. A thermos is a very interesting invention. What do we do with a thermos? (*Allow for answers.*) If we put something cold inside, like fruit punch or milk, the thermos keeps it cold for a long time. If we put something hot inside, like soup or coffee (yuck), it keeps it warm for a long time.

Today, we want to concentrate on a thermos keeping something warm. A thermos acts as an insulator to keep the outside temperature from changing the temperature of the inside. With a thermos, it takes a long time for something warm to become cool.

Christian families are kind of like a thermos keeping something warm. The world outside may be cold and evil, but God uses the Christian family like a thermos to give each other support, provide warmth, comfort, protection, and faith. When people are part of a Christian family, God helps them keep warm for a very long time.

We need to be thankful when we belong to a Christian family. Many children do not. These children may seem happy sometimes, but they are really missing something. Everyone in a Christian family can be filled with real joy. The Bible tells us of a man who worked in a jail. Right after hearing the good news about Jesus from the disciples, he was baptized along with his entire family. Then he invited the disciples into his house for a meal. The man and his whole family were *filled with joy* because they came to believe in God. (*Acts 16:31-34*)