



Blanket Fashion Show

The following is a sample monologue to be used in narrating a blanket fashion show. Choose your own cues for various models to enter and illustrate what's being said. Be creative in tailoring the presentation to both your audience and if appropriate, to any upcoming holiday being connected to your TOOLS & BLANKETS program.

Today we're going to show you one of the oldest, most useful fashion items ever made — the blanket. You will note that the blanket, worn by _____ today, is made of a very warm, tightly woven blend of materials.

Versatility is the blanket's strong suit. When worn as a coat, the blanket has many interesting features. Perhaps the most surprising of these is that one size fits all — both children and adults. Width is adjusted by overlapping at the front. Length depends on how much is folded under at the top.

Blankets can also be "chill specific" — wrapped wherever the wearer wants the most warmth. For example, you can fold it over your head as a protection from the wind and cold. Or wrap it around your legs — but don't try to walk far that way! And, of course, a blanket is good for wrapping around your whole body. A blanket can be used on a bed for warmth and comfort. It can be used on a floor as a sleeping pad or to provide space for a crawling baby. It can be used as a tent, a partition for privacy, a drapery or a door. A blanket finds many uses in a refugee camp, hospital or clinic.

A blanket is portable. You can fold it up, or bunch it up, and take it anywhere you need to go. You can wrap your baby or your clothes in it. In fact, you can sling it over your shoulder and carry almost anything. Tie one blanket to each end of a pole, put the pole across your shoulders and carry two loads at one time.

Blankets are always stylish. They are used in many countries around the world and are just as useful in a warm climate as in a cold one — warmth in the winter and shade in the summer. Most are washable and easy to clean. If nothing else, you can just shake it off!

Blankets offer equal opportunity comfort. They work for women, men, children, and babies alike — and can be used while standing, walking, sitting, or lying down. Anyone, anytime, anywhere.

When disasters happen — tornadoes, hurricanes and earthquakes — Church World Service is there to help — and blankets are a part of every relief effort.

Your gift of \$5 or more will enable Church World Service to provide blankets and shelter items when disaster strikes or other severe needs arise in Africa, Latin America, East Asia, the Pacific, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Southern Asia or the United States.

So, when we receive our TOOLS & BLANKETS offering, please help provide blankets and other tools of hope to those who need them. Who knows? Someday it could be one of us.

