

I AM SALT!

SCRIPTURE:

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. (Matthew 5:13)

MATERIALS LIST:

(1) Bag of Rock Salt (Ice melt)

MAIN MESSAGE:

Salt is used for so many good things. It makes a difference in the taste of your food. It also is used to melt ice off roads and sidewalks. In the same way, Christians are to make a difference for Christ! We are to influence others to change from their sin and follow Jesus!

SONG: "This World is Not My Home"

LESSON:

Central Oklahoma has its fair share of major ice storms that come our way almost every winter. I have always made it a practice to keep rock salt stored in the garage to use around the house after everything is iced over. It makes a tremendous difference! Bad things happen when there is a sidewalk or driveway that is covered with ice. Every year, the news stations tell us that most ice-related accidents happen around the house when people try to get out to retrieve the mail or newspaper.

Salt influences! It makes a huge difference! Your food would be so bland if it weren't for salt. There would be many more tragedies on roads and sidewalks if it weren't for salt! And did you know that you would not survive with salt? Your body needs it to function. Jesus tells His followers to be the salt of the earth. How will others know about the benefits of Christianity and heaven if followers of Jesus aren't out there making a difference? I am salt!

This sinful world needs your influence! As salt, Christians need to take a stand against sinful and unjust behavior like abortion, homosexuality and greed. As salt, we need to go about and do good like Jesus did! Acts 10:38 says, "You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." He was the salt of the earth. Even though others mocked, hurt, and made fun of Him, He still lived as the salt of the earth. Let's go be salt!

PRAYER: Help our family to be salt everywhere we go so that others may be influenced to know and obey You!