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Title: Thermometer or Thermostat

Theme: When we are connected to God, He is our ever present help.

Object: Thermometer and thermostat

Text: Isa 41:10: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Do you know that the Bible of full of wonderful promises like this.

In this verse, God tells us that we don’t have to be afraid or disappointed.

God says He’s going to be with us! He’s on our side! He has wonderful plans for us!

He promises to strengthen us and help us and uphold us.

One of the nicest things about being a Christian is that, if we love Jesus, God will be on our side to help us.

God will always be there to hear you when you pray.

Well I’ve brought some things in my bag today to help us understand how God helps those who love Jesus.

[Explain digital thermometer with remote outdoor sensor]

This thermometer can tell you the temperature, but it cannot do anything about it.

[Explain thermostat and how it is connected to the furnace to keep your house warm]

The thermostat can measure the temperature, and, if it’s too cold, it can do something about it.

It can make the furnace come on to heat up your house.

A thermometer is like someone who doesn’t love Jesus or believe in God.

When trouble comes, the thermometer has to just sit there in the cold. It has no way of making heat.

But someone who loves Jesus and believes in God is like this thermostat, and God is like the furnace.

This wire is like our faith that connects us to God.

When trouble comes, we can pray. The Bible says that God is a very present help in trouble.

And if we’re connected to God by trusting Jesus His Son, we are like the thermostat that can turn on the furnace.

Thermometer or thermostat, which would you rather be?

How many would like to trust in Jesus and be connected to God, so that God can answer our prayers when trouble comes?