**Icicles**

Our environment matters.

**Prep**

Get some ice, a glass bowl and a blow dryer.

Turn your Bible to Proverbs 13:20 and 1 Corinthians 15:33.

**Demonstration**

Show your class the ice in the bowl and ask them what you could do to keep the ice frozen and what you could do to melt it.

Then bring out the blow dryer and blow dry the ice until it becomes water (make sure the blow dryer doesn’t touch the water and please be careful handling the bowl afterwards in case it gets hot).

**Object Lesson**

“The blow dryer was able to melt the ice pretty fast, huh?! But if we would have put the ice in a freezer it would have stayed frozen, right?

Have you ever seen icicles outside on a house or car?

What happens to them when it gets warmer outside? They melt. But as long as it stays cold enough the icicles stay frozen.

The environment makes all the difference.

In the same way, our environment is very important for us, too. The people you spend time with make a big difference on whether your faith and character stay ice strong or disintegrate.

Proverbs 13:20 says, "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm."

And 1 Corinthians 15:33 says, "Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals.""

**Wrap Up**

“Are you spending time with people who melt away your character or who keep you strong in your faith?”