



Object Lesson

COSTA RICA

WE NEED TO CHANGE

■ Key Scripture

Luke 19:10

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

■ Materials Needed

- Spool of thread
- Piece of fabric
- Muddy sock
- Clean sock (mate to muddy one)
- Apple
- Jar of applesauce
- Ear of corn (or unpopped popcorn kernels)
- Cornmeal (in clear container)

■ Preparation

Put the thread, the muddy sock, the apple, and the ear of corn on one end of a table. Place the remaining items at the other end of the table.



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■ Presentation

(Ask the children what these items have in common: thread, muddy sock, apple, popcorn. Allow responses. Answer: They can each be changed into an item at the other end of the table.)

(Ask a volunteer to come up and help you. Hand him an item and have him find the matching item. Continue until all matching items have been found. Hints: The thread can be woven into cloth. The sock can be washed to look like the clean one. The apple can be cooked into applesauce. And the corn can be ground into cornmeal.)

Can any of these items change into the other without help? (Allow responses.) No, they all need help. People also need to change, and they can't do it by themselves. They need help. Only God can change them. He does it by forgiving their sins.

Pastors, teachers, parents, and missionaries help people change by telling them the Good News about Jesus. He died so their sins could be forgiven. The Bible tells us that Jesus gives us a new heart and a new mind after our sins are forgiven—and we change for the better!

When you give to BGMC, you help other people to change too. You help by providing the things missionaries need to tell others about the life-changing power of Jesus.

