

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

Some recyclable goods

You know it wasn't but a few years ago that all this stuff - this plastic, this cardboard, all of it - would end up in the trash. Your grandparents didn't think a thing of throwing away aluminum cans, plastic bottles, paper, cardboard boxes, and the like. They went in the trash, and they went to the dump.

A lot has changed over the last couple of decades. We realize we can't keep burying our trash. We need to recycle. We need to give things that are renewable a second chance.

I have good news for all of you. You are renewable. You can be given a second chance, like these recyclables. You can have your sins forgiven. And even if you give your heart to Jesus and then stray away from him, you can be welcomed back and forgiven again!

The Parable of the Lost Son is about renewal, about forgiveness, about unconditional love. God loves us with the love of the prodigal's father, and He wants for us to come home.

If you ever stray from Jesus, you can always come home. He will be watching and waiting. He will run to welcome you back!