

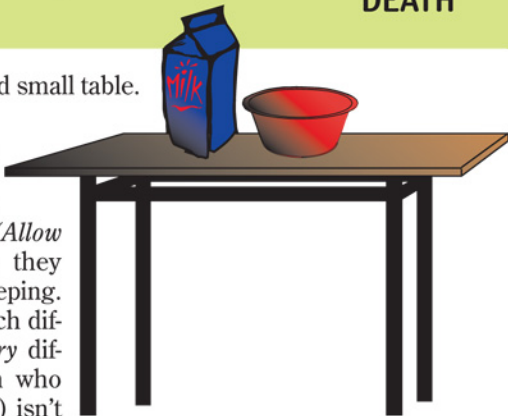


**Objects:** A carton of milk, bowl and small table.

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:8

**Lesson:** *(Place a small milk carton and a bowl on a table in front of the class.)*

*Raise your hand if you have ever visited a funeral home. (Allow for response.)* When people die they sometimes look like they are sleeping. On the outside they don't look much different but inside something is *very* different. The soul (the real person who lives inside while the body is alive) isn't there anymore. Let me show you something that might help you understand.



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*(Show carton of milk.)* What is this? *(Milk or a carton of milk. Open the carton and carefully pour the milk into the bowl. Close the carton and set it back in the same spot.)* Now tell me again, what is this? *(Children may answer, a carton of milk or a milk carton.)*

No, it's not. Does it look the same? *(Yes.)* But there is no milk inside. A person's body may look the same when he dies but his soul—the part of him that thinks and feels and loves—is no longer inside. *(Read 2 Corinthians 5:8.)* When a person has received Jesus as his Savior from sin he can know for sure where his soul will go when he dies. He will live forever with Jesus in Heaven.

Once a friend of mine died. I went to see her body at the funeral home. I miss her but I don't have to stay sad. I can be happy because she had received Christ as her Savior from sin. Her life hasn't really ended. Her body is like this empty carton but where is her soul? *(In Heaven with Jesus!)*

—Adapted from an idea by Pat Verbal