

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: John 10:1-10

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the [sheep](#). ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the [sheep](#) hear his voice. He calls his own [sheep](#) by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the [sheep](#) follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this **figure of speech** with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the [sheep](#). ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the [sheep](#) did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Word - I/S, Eye - I/S, Math - I, Nature - I, People - I/S, Self - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>This passage is an extended metaphor.</p> <p>The Fourth Evangelist is a wordsmith extraordinaire. Words matter: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God." Jamie Clark-Soles, WP</p>	<p>Billy Collins - a poem about poetry. It could be applied to this passage; John has Jesus speaking in poetic language that sometimes contradicts himself - how can he be BOTH the gate and the shepherd?</p> <p>Also, the word “voice” in Greek is transliterated as “phone” in English. I find that richly ironic!!</p>	<p>Write a poem about this passage!</p>
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>Sneaking into places Thieves Gates Walls</p>	<p>Think of venues where you enter through gates: stock yards and pastures, as per the parable; sporting events; cathedrals; prisons; gardens; military bases; airport terminals; etc. What do these spaces have in common?</p>	<p>Project pictures of doors as you read about Jesus being the door/gate of the sheepfold.</p> <p>Keep in mind - The gate swings in 2 directions: in for safekeeping from thieves and bandits; out for gaining access to pastures for nourishment.</p>

			Can you manufacture some sort of swinging door? Maybe use a couple volunteers to stand as posts with arms outstretched as gates....
Math - Logical/Mathematical MWD		<p>Maybe the first metaphor didn't hit home because (1) Jesus was not explicit that it was about him (2) it was too obvious.</p> <p>Like, "Truly I tell you, anyone who orders a pizza will have the pizza delivered; they will pay the delivery guy, and then they will eat the pizza." And everyone is like, "Yeah, duh. WTF?"</p> <p>Part of what makes parables work is that they are either explicitly stated to be a thing about another thing (parallel) or they don't work the way you expect (logical contradiction).</p>	
Body - Kinesthetic			See Body in 1Peter 2 Following the shepherd's footsteps
Musical			
Natural MWD	The gate and the shepherd work in tandem for the benefit of the sheep.	Sheep really do ignore other voices than the shepherd. See!	
People - Interpersonal D2	The Pharisees who have interrogated the blind man in John 9 are supposed to be the shepherds of Israel, those who care for, protect, and nourish the people. Instead, they expel the healed blind man from their community, refusing to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are all taught as children not to talk to strangers and never to go with them! (It's interesting to think that sheep are smart enough to know this intuitively.) <p>← The blind man followed the voice of Jesus before he could see him, and it</p>	<p>What voices do we listen to in our world?</p> <p>The loudest ones? The ones that agree with us? The ones that echo from the past? The ones that are persistent? The ones that come from loved ones?</p>

	<p>believe that Jesus and his healing work come from God. They are more concerned about guarding their power and authority than about the well-being of the people.” Elizabeth Johnson, WP</p>	<p>led to new life. His days of isolation are over; he now knows himself to be a valued member of Jesus’ flock, cared for and protected.</p>	<p>•We usually interpret Jesus as the shepherd in this passage and we would not be wrong; but keeping with the idea of pushing language for deeper meaning and understanding, could we interpret the shepherd in our local context as our congregation? The ones who swing doors closed to protect and swing them open to release to pasture and life?</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal MWD</p>		<p>Have you ever had your house broken into? It can be scary, frustrating, and infuriating. It can have lasting emotional impact, too, with PTSD. The police may or may not be helpful in providing a sense of safety in the aftermath.</p> <p>Many people experience this sort of violation, not only of personal property but also of emotional safety or body and person.</p> <p>Where do you turn when someone breaks into rob or destroy?</p> <p>How can Jesus help give abundant life to someone who has been violated by the thieves?</p>	