

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: **Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any **encouragement** in Christ, any **consolation from love**, any **sharing in the Spirit**, any **compassion and sympathy**, 2 make my joy complete: **be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind**. 3 Do nothing from **selfish ambition or conceit**, but in **humility** regard others as better than yourselves. 4 **Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others**. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
7 but **emptied himself**,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being **born in human likeness**.  
And **being found in human form**,  
8 **he humbled himself**  
and became **obedient** to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him **the name**  
**that is above every name**,  
10 so that at the name of Jesus  
**every knee should bend**,  
**in heaven and on earth and under the earth**,  
11 and **every tongue should confess**  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, **my beloved**, just as **you have always obeyed me**, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation **with fear and trembling**; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Eye - S, Math - I, Body - B, Music - I, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			

<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p> <p>D2</p>			<p>Vs. 7 - Get two plastic bottles (2 liter, 2 qt juice, whatever) and remove the labels. Make masks for each bottle, one that says "GOD" and the other with a human shape. Fill one bottle with water, colored with some food coloring, then put the empty bottle upside down on the mouth of the full one and tape/glue them securely so they won't leak. Attach the masks so that they will both be right-side-up together, with GOD on top and human on bottom. With the water in the GOD bottle, turn the contraption over so the form of God is emptied into the human form, as it were.          (If you have a <a href="#">tornado tube</a>, that would work perfectly to connect the bottles. Here's <a href="#">one way to make one</a>. Here's <a href="#">another way</a>.)</p> <p>Then, for Vs. 9, use an antigravity field to make the water run back up into the top bottle.          Or try <a href="#">this fountain</a> instead.</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>MWD</p>		<p>Vs. 7 - Infinity minus any non-infinite number equals infinity.</p> $\infty - n = \infty$ <p>where <math>n \neq \infty</math></p> <p>So God, being infinite, is not diminished when Christ becomes human.</p> $\infty - X = \infty$ <p>where X=Christ</p>	

		<p>Vs. 9 Christ is greater than all elements, n, where n is less than <math>\infty</math>, that is less than God.</p> $X > n$ <p>While not stated this way in the passage, I think the Church would agree with saying that Christ is greater than the sum of all other elements, n, which are less than God.</p> $X > \sum_0^{\infty} n$	
<p>Body - Kinesthetic D2</p>		<p>Vs 7 - “emptied himself” - I’m sorry but this makes me think of prepping for my colonoscopy :( I, too, was obedient, albeit not quite unto death. <i>(True, you were alive to complain. Molly)</i> I wonder if becoming human feels like that? Props to JC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Vs. 2 - Scientific study from Finnish Aalto University shows <a href="#">strong emotions make other people's brains activate synchronously</a></p>	<p>Vs. 2, etc. - The point, or at least one point, of this passage is that if all in the church humble themselves as Christ did, then the whole church will be strong. This might be demonstrated with a <a href="#">group lap-sit</a>. Here’s <a href="#">how to do it</a>.</p> <p>So in the end, they are of one mind, one heart, one lap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Does your tradition kneel in worship? If so, focus people’s attention on vs. 10 as they do so. If not, invite them to find a time and place this week to do so, offering their worship to Christ. If you can, find a way for people to experience it in your worship space together.</p> <p>Be mindful of people’s physical ability to kneel. Invite people to come up</p>

			with alternatives to kneeling that have a similar spiritual and emotional impact. Link arms!
Musical MWD		Vs. 2 - <a href="#">Mental synchronization from Frozen</a> song “Love Is an Open Door”	
Natural			
People - Interpersonal		Vs 2 - <a href="#">Synchrony of being a twin</a>	
Self - Intrapersonal D2			Give people time to think about this: What does it feel like when you think of emptying yourself? Is it scary? Are you resistant? How can it be empowering?