

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: 1 John 3:18-24

18 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 19 And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him 20 whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; 22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word - I, Math - B, Body - I, Music - S, People - B, Self - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>MWD</p>		<p>The author sets things up in such a way here that it seems a little scary and odious – if our hearts don’t condemn us and we do what God commands, we may come before God. Well, that’s a tall order for some of us! But what does God command, but to believe in Jesus and to love one another. Well, that’s not so bad at all!</p> <p>It’s a bit like the end of <i>A Christmas Carol</i>, when Scrooge confronts Bob Cratchit for coming in late, and concludes with “... and therefore, I am about to raise your salary!”</p>	
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p>			

<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>D2</p>		<p>Vs. 19, 24 - “By this we know...”</p> <p>Here is some discussion on logical proof, which is moving from an agreed upon premise to a conclusion using logical rules and without contradiction.</p> <p>Something might also be proved by a compilation of evidence. This seems to be what the author is working toward here.</p>	<p>← Try this science experiment on induced magnetic fields to demonstrate evidence for a force at work that is otherwise invisible. This one on electrolysis could also serve the purpose. In the first, the electromagnet produced picks up paper clips. By this we know there is a magnetic field. In the second, the flow of current produces gas bubbles from the conducting fluid. By this we know the electricity actually splits the water molecules. Similarly, by our loving actions we know that we are from the truth, and by our obedience we know that the Holy Spirit abides in us.</p>
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Vs 23 - believe (trust) in Jesus’ name and love one another</p>	<p>This commandment is a process and is done over time. Thinking of things done over time in BODY smart always leads to the thought of physical training.</p> <p>The Boston Marathon was yesterday and the woman who won, Desiree Linden, was shut out by mere minutes in a past race. She simply decided that was not adequate and kept at it.</p>	
<p>Musical</p> <p>D2</p>			<p>See below.</p>
<p>Natural</p>			
<p>People - Interpersonal</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>Vs 24 - abiding in God and God in them and in one another we are the walrus</p>	<p>The author seems to suggest that the way we live exhibits who and whose we are - there is a</p>	<p>Discuss among groups how personally and corporately you “favor” Jesus. Point to specific</p>

		<p>tight family resemblance.</p> <p>True story: I once visited a member in the hospital with my daughter in tow. We had had a “discussion” in the parking lot about something and I won because I am Mom. Meredith was bowed but undefeated and followed me into the woman’s room. Her adult daughter was there and being introduced to Meredith said to me, “You can’t deny that child.” I was about to say, “Oh YEAH?!? I just did!” when I realized she meant we look too much alike to be taken as anything other than related.</p> <p>I think this kind of strong similarity is what the author of 1 John is going for here.</p>	<p>actions and ways those outside the flock have responded in ways that have identified you as a Christ follower.</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Truth = integrity</p>	<p>We know something or someone has integrity by how well it holds up under pressure.</p> <p>There is a quote attributed to Eleanor Roosevelt: “A woman is like a tea bag; you don’t know her strength until she is in hot water.”</p>	<p>Give everyone a tea bag and invite them to put it in a prominent place for the week. When they see it, have them remember what gives them integrity - how do they reveal the truth of God’s love when they are under pressure?</p>

Let Us Love

Based on 1 John 3:18-24

To the tune of “Seek Ye First”

Let us love, not just in word or speech,
 But in truth and deed;
 By this we know that we live in the truth.
 Allelu, alleluia!

When our hearts condemn us for sin,
We can rest assured,
God, who knows all, is greater than our hearts!
Allelu, alleluia!

God welcomes us when we do as God commands.
What, then, must we do?
Love one another and trust in Christ the Lord.
Allelu, alleluia!

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