# More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: CAdv4x2018

Texts: Micah 5:2-5a, Psalm 80:1-7, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-55

## SELF Smart - D2

More formally, it is called Intrapersonal Intelligence. According to Dr. Gardner's website, this smart includes

"sensitivity to one's own feelings, goals, and anxieties, and the capacity to plan and act in light of one's own traits. Intrapersonal intelligence is not particular to specific careers; rather, it is a goal for every individual in a complex modern society, where one has to make consequential decisions for oneself."

Quoting from Dr. Thomas Armstrong's book, *Multiple Intelligences in the Classroom*, Intrapersonal Intelligence is:

Self-knowledge and the ability to act adaptively on the basis of that knowledge. This intelligence includes having an accurate picture of oneself (one's strengths and limitations); awareness of inner moods, intentions, motivations, temperaments, and desires; and the capacity for self-discipline, self-understanding, and self-esteem.

#### Text: Micah 5:2-5a

2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. 3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. 4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; 5 and he shall be the one of peace.

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
SELF	<ul> <li>Being little</li> <li>Stand in the strength of the Lord</li> <li>be the one of peace</li> </ul>	From tvtropes.org: Under "Humble Hero"  • "In the legends of King Arthur, Sir Gareth of Orkney comes in disguise as a kitchen boy who only asks food of King Arthur despite his noble appearance. He	Vs. 4 – There are lots of stories of characters who become heroes after finding a powerful artifact - a ring, a sword, an amulet, etc. It often turns out that the artifact only activates its power because of the character of the person holding it.

later gets knighted by Sir Lancelot by equaling him in combat and he later goes on the lady Lynette's quest to save her sister without revealing his noble blood for most of their journey and enduring her constant berating of his apparent kitchen boy status."

• "Cincinnatus: In 458 BC, when the Romans needed someone to lead them during their war with the Aeguians and the Sabines, they gave retired-Senator-turne d-farmer Cincinnatus absolute dictatorial authority when it came to dealing with the situation. Sixteen days later, after winning the war, he resigned as absolute ruler of Rome and went back to his farm. Twenty years later, in 439 BC, when the Romans were at war with the Plebians and again needed effective leadership,

they again gave
Cincinnatus absolute
power, and again, as
soon as the crisis was
over, he gave it back
and went back to

farming."

Quite apart from magical amulets and such, when have you felt strong and stood strong, especially in caring for others? Have you stood in the strength of the Lord? What was it like or what do you imagine it would be like?

### Text: Psalm 80:1-7

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth 2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! 3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. 4 O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. 6 You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves. 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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SELF	Come to save us	Nerdgasm of the week: In Star Trek: The Next Generation, season 2, episode 16, "Q-Who," the omnipotent being Q hurls the Enterprise across the galaxy where the crew encounters the Borg, a relentless and hostile species that far outmatches the Federation's technology. Just when the Borg are about to land a decisive, destructive blow on the Enterprise, and Q announces he will be leaving, Captain Picard fairly begs Q to save them, which Q does. [You can watch the climactic scene here, starting at about 37:00.] Q appreciates that Picard was willing to humble himself, while another man might have rather died than ask for help.	Consider:  • When was the last time you asked someone for help?  • How big a thing does it need to be for you before asking for help becomes difficult?  • How big a thing would it need to be for you before asking for help would become a simple no-brainer?

### Text: Hebrews 10:5-10

5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; 6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." 8 When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), 9 then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. 10 And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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SELF	You have taken no pleasure	Think of a time when you have either given or received a gift in which the receiver took no pleasure. I'm thinking of a classic family story when my mother bought luggage wheels for my grandmother as a Christmas present. This was in the days before wheels were standard on luggage, and my grandparents went to Florida in the winter every year. My mom thought it would be a great help to her aging mother to be able to roll her suitcase instead of carry it. Nana was not amused. She was so not amused that she laughed when she opened this gift. A nervous, mirthless, you-have-got-to-be-kidding-me kind of laugh. The kind of laugh that led my mom to say, after all the gifts had been opened, "Gee, Mom, I think one of your presents didn't make it into the car. I'm sure I had something else for you," which she went out to buy the next day.	

#### Text: Luke 1:39-55

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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SELF		Vs. 51-53 – the sentiments of hope for the long-oppressed.  This just happened: "An Indian court on Monday convicted a former politician for his role in riots that swept India in 1984, leaving thousands of Sikhs dead in bloody pogroms, and sentenced him to life in prison.	Invite your congregation to take some time to consider: If Mary's words were fulfilled in your life, where would you find yourself - brought down or lifted up by the Lord? Finally filled with good things or sent away empty for the first time? Is there anything about that you would want to change?
		"The Delhi High Court	

reversed an earlier acquittal of Sajjan Kumar in the riots, which broke out after then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was killed by her Sikh bodyguards." - New York Times	
Think how it would feel to see justice after more than 30 years!  Feel free to add other such stories	