

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: COrdinary2x2019

Texts: [Isaiah 62:1-5](#); [Psalm 36:5-10](#); [1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#); [John 2:1-11](#)

NATURE Smart

Diana Waring, [at her blog on relational education](#), summarizes Gardner’s Naturalistic intelligence this way:

“This is the ability to observe, investigate, experiment, and discover the natural world, including weather, animals, plants, and geologic structures. This person needs to go outside!”

Text: **John 2:1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” 4 And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” 5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
NATURAL	Unexpected, unplanned-for abundance; miraculous transformation; third day?	What if it were the water that gave out instead of the wine? Here’s an article (2015) about the hydrology of the American Southwest and its extreme swings in water flow and the current trend toward drying. Here’s another about rivers running dry around	Do you have a meditation fountain or a punch fountain ? Have it set up and running with water in the worship space during the service. If you want to get tricky, have a mix of red and blue food coloring to add to it to make the water look like wine. You’ll want to

		<p>the globe.</p> <p>An article about how different environmental factors affect the qualities of wine. (after this commentary from WP, starting with the idea of reading this passage like a farmer)</p> <p>Similarly, review the lengthy process of producing wine that Jesus cuts down to a few minutes.</p>	<p>practice this to make sure you get the right color and concentration.</p>
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Text: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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<p>NATURAL</p>		<p>Consider the various components of a complex ecosystem - soil, water, air, grasses, plants, trees, bacteria, worms, birds, small mammals, larger predators, etc., each of which plays an important role in the health of the others. <i>(This might work as well or better for next week's text, too)</i></p> <p>Even though it is northern winter, many people are already thinking about and planning for their gardens. In a typical vegetable garden you will have a variety of plants, but one soil; different types of vegetables, but the same watering can; many rows, but one fence surrounding them all.</p>	<p>← If you can lay your hands on a terrarium that can be transported, bring it to the worship space and talk about the different living bits and their relationship to each other. <i>(This might work as well or better for next week's text, too)</i></p> <p>Here's how to make a terrarium</p>

Text: Psalm 36:5-10

*Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in their hearts;
there is no fear of God before their eyes.*

*2 For they flatter themselves in their own eyes
that their iniquity cannot be found out and hated.*

*3 The words of their mouths are mischief and deceit;
they have ceased to act wisely and do good.*

*4 They plot mischief while on their beds;
they are set on a way that is not good;
they do not reject evil.*

5 Your **steadfast love**, O Lord, **extends to the heavens**,
your **faithfulness to the clouds**.

6 Your righteousness is like **the mighty mountains**,
your judgments are like **the great deep**;
you save **humans and animals alike**, O Lord.

7 How precious is your **steadfast love**, O God!
All people may take refuge **in the shadow of your wings**.

8 They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink **from the river** of your delights.

9 For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

10 O continue your **steadfast love** to **those who know you**,
and your salvation to **the upright of heart!**

*11 Do not let the foot of the arrogant tread on me,
or the hand of the wicked drive me away.*

*12 There the evildoers lie prostrate;
they are thrust down, unable to rise.*

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NATURAL		Vss. 5-6 – One reason we like being out in nature is the sense of expanse it offers. While some talk about conquering mountains or waves, it is generally the sense of one’s smallness and vulnerability in the face of natural scale that makes activities like mountaineering or	

		<p>surfing or sailing or what have you a thrilling experience.</p> <p>This passage assures us that God’s love and mercy are as great or greater than these natural wonders.</p> <p>Here’s a short illustration from Benjamin Eisele on “God Pause Devotions” from Luther Seminary where he remembers his first experience with Lake Superior.</p> <p>There are psychological benefits to outdoor activity - who knew? Well, those scientists and this author and this author.</p>	
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Text: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake **I will not keep silent**, and for Jerusalem's sake **I will not rest**, until her **vindication shines out like the dawn**, and her salvation **like a burning torch**. 2 The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and **you shall be called by a new name** that the mouth of the Lord will give. 3 You shall be **a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord**, and a royal diadem **in the hand of your God**. 4 You shall **no more be termed Forsaken**, and your land shall **no more be termed Desolate**; but **you shall be called My Delight Is in Her**, and your land **Married**; for **the Lord delights in you**, and your land shall be married. 5 For **as a young man marries a young woman**, so shall your builder marry you, and **as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride**, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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<p>NATURAL</p>	<p>Redeeming, reimagining, reframing the city's reputation, history, and identity</p>	<p>Reclassification of Pluto from a planet to a dwarf planet and KBO; it went from being a puny, weird, outlier of a planet to being the largest and definitive member of the Kuiper Belt. (Also, everyone expected Pluto to be a dead, cratered rock, but when New Horizons flew by in 2015 it found a world of remarkable complexity and active geology! No one could have imagined it, and it transformed our understanding of it.) How much greater the change for "Jerusalem the Desolate" to be reclassified as "The City of God's Delight" and "The Bride of God!"</p> <p>Of similar interest, here is an article on taxonomic nomenclature in biology, including taxonomic synonyms (more than one name for the same species) and misclassification (a species given the wrong name). Of note, the case</p>	<p>← Bring pictures of Pluto, including old artists' conceptions and NH flyby pics for comparison.</p>

		<p>of the <i>Brontosaurus</i> at the bottom of the page.</p> <p>In 2016 giant pandas were upgraded from "endangered" to "vulnerable" after a "census counted more than 1,800 in the wild -- nearly double the estimated number in the 1980s."</p> <p>Jerusalem gets upgraded from "desolate" to "delight"</p>	
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