

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: COrd5x2019

Texts: [Isaiah 6:1-8, \(9-13\)](#); [Psalm 138](#); [1 Corinthians 15:1-11](#); [Luke 5:1-11](#)

## NATURE Smart

“Good with the outdoors and/or animals, whether rocks, rivers, plants, clouds, animals  
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!”

<https://www.dianawaring.com/types-of-intelligence>

**Text: Luke 5:1-11**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to [put out a little way from the shore](#). Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into [the deep water](#) and let down your nets for a catch.” 5 Simon answered, “Master, [we have worked all night long](#) but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

8But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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NATURE smart		<p>Vs 3 - “put out a little way from the shore”</p> <p>It is possible Jesus did this for two reasons:</p> <p>1 The <a href="#">amplification</a> of sound as waves travel</p>	<p>This sfx involves a bit of <b>EYE smart</b> because I am suggesting showing the geology and geography of the Sea of Galilee/ Lake Tiberias.</p> <p>This <a href="#">image</a> was taken by</p>

		<p>over the cooler surface of water. The linked article suggests the sound goes from shore to water, though. If this is the case, it means Jesus could hear people better - maybe for taking questions?</p> <p>2 The slope down towards the water acted as an <a href="#">amphitheater</a>, which allowed sound from the water to reverberate around the people, as though Jesus was speaking to them from a stage in the middle of an arena.</p> <p>3 Here is <a href="#">one modern fisherman's</a> reasons for fishing at night, including the reason Peter and his co-workers were out there - some fish are more active at night. Plus, the wind is usually dies down more and there is less chance of sun stroke or sun burn.</p> <p>This essay goes into <a href="#">the specifics of night fishing in the first century</a> a bit more. Note that Peter and Andrew could choose <i>not</i> to fish, as this passage indicates at the end. (The implication is they had a staff who would do the hard work of sorting the fish, mending nets, and preparing fish for market.)</p>	<p>the Expedition 20 crew in 2009. You can see a spot on the northern edge of the water at about 11 o'clock that curves in; maybe this is where Jesus would teach from a boat? We don't have any way of knowing for certain, but it would be <b>logical</b> to think Jesus would know about the way sound travels on water and would use it to his advantage.</p> <p>⇐ bring in some limestone if possible, and set it up in a semi-circle around you as you preach. If you can't get hold of limestone, try acoustic tiles!</p> <p>⇐ here is <a href="#">a video</a> by First Century Foundations that discusses the boats and techniques of fishing in Jesus' era. Start at 8:15 for this discussion. It's up to you whether to fast forward through their commercials! At 16:00, they actually get down to casting nets. At 19:00, we have a discussion about the kinds of fish and how to spread the nets at night.</p>
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**Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that **he was buried**, and that **he was raised** on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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<p><b>NATURE smart</b></p>		<p>Seeds need to be buried in order to rise again.</p> <p>PBS' <i>American Experience</i> aired a documentary in 1998 titled "<a href="#">Surviving the Dust Bowl</a>". In it, a few men and women who were children at the time discuss the effect of the era including the sense of hopelessness that drove many farmers off the land to seek refuge, mostly in CA. At the end of the clip linked above, the rains finally returned. As the interviewee spoke about the way the rain felt on their faces, the expression on the face of the man welcoming it might be the same expression on Paul's face as he sees evidence of the Resurrection.</p>	<p>Bring in seeds and potting soil. You have a couple alternatives to use here:</p> <p>1 - begin a spring flower garden with the seedlings. Plant them around the church as the weather permits. Or, send them home with members who are interested to plant at their homes.</p> <p>2 - find a selection of small pots and place a few seeds (your choice) inside each one and give one to each child during the time with the children or in their education classes. Send home gardening instructions with them and encourage parents to help out.</p> <p>3 - begin a vegetable garden that will become part of a farmer's market</p>

			or food pantry in your area. If you have space to dedicate to it at your church, plant the garden there. If you have gardeners in your congregation, encourage them to participate.
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**Text: Psalm 138**

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

2 I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

3 On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord is high, **he regards the lowly**; but the haughty he perceives from far away.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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<p><b>NATURE smart</b></p>	<p>From Scott Hoezee’s <a href="#">commentary</a> on this psalm:</p> <p>“...the glory of Israel’s God—the source of the <i>chesed</i> or lovingkindness for which the Psalter most consistently praises God—is God’s ability to stoop low to take notice of the poor, the marginalized, the people who are all-too-often invisible to even our human eyes. It is the Lofty One’s attention to the lowly ones that truly startles.” He uses CS</p>	<p>Vs 6 → God regards the lowly = bacteriology?</p> <p>Humanity began to take seriously the “smaller” world of microorganisms only recently in history, according to this <a href="#">definition</a> and history of bacteriology from the Encyclopedia of Life Sciences.</p> <p>Of course, while we have made amazing leaps in overall health and well-being, the cost of healthcare has ballooned and much of the benefit of paying attention to the lowly bacteria has passed</p>	<p>Bring in a large bottle of hand sanitizer as you speak of how paying attention to the lowly germ has given us a better understanding of our personal health. Bring in a cup of yogurt or a bottle of kefir to speak about how some bacteria is not only helpful for food production but necessary for health, as well.</p>

	Lewis's "Space Trilogy" as an example of how God noticing Earth gave the planet a special status among the others; we were known as the "visited planet" because God Incarnate came here.	over the lowly who cannot pay for treatment.	
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**Text: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." 4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

5 And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" 6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

*9 And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' 10 Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." 11 Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; 12 until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. 13 Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.*

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NATURE smart		Using a live coal to burn away the impurities of Isaiah's "sinful lips" reminds me of <a href="#">wound cauterization</a>  In the early 70's, our GP removed a plantar's wart from the bottom of my foot. He shot a localized anesthetic into my foot first, then cut and scooped the wart out of its bed. It was bleeding a lot and the wound was not in a good place or a good shape for stitches, so he reached up to a device that looked like a	SAFELY bring in a live coal and demonstrate how it can sear something.

		<p>soldering gun hanging from the wall and burned the wound. The bleeding stopped and about a week or so later, the scab fell off and the wart was history.</p> <p>Heat can be used to <a href="#">purify water</a> or water systems. The link goes to an essay about heat exchangers and the ways they can purify and sterilize not only water passing through them but storage and flow systems.</p>	
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