

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Luke 13:10-17

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight.

12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

14 But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day."

15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" 17 When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

PEI MWD - Math D2 - Math

Eye - SFX, Math - I, Body - I/SFX, Music - I, Nature - , People - I/SFX, Self - SFX

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial			<p>See also Body: Think about what it would be like to look at the ground everywhere you went for 18 years, and then suddenly to be free to look wherever you wanted!</p> <p>If you have video projection capabilities, take a video of walking around through your daily life looking at the ground.</p>

			Then at Jesus' word of command, turning up to see the world.
Math - Logical/Mathematical	Vss. 15-16: Lesser-to-greater argument.	Have we become mushy about following laws (let alone commandments)? We know that rules and laws are important. Yet we also know that people are going to break the rules and laws without consequence. While this may seem unfair, the law-and-order camp has a hard row to hoe. Jesus was definitely in favor of keeping the commandments, but he understood that the spirit behind the laws was more important than strict, literal, adherence.	
Body - Kinesthetic	V.11 - bent double, bent in on herself -- JDuff	Crippling diseases? ALS, rheumatoid arthritis, fibromyalgia, Parkinsons, etc. These are degenerative physical diseases, whereas the woman is said to have been victim of a spirit binding her. So, perhaps, depression, addiction, crippling shame or self-image, etc. may be better illustrations, or some blend of the two groups.	Invite people to sit in crash position while the text is being read, or until Jesus frees her, or for some longer time. Have one or more volunteer come forward, bend over and put a large weight around their neck, perhaps for 18 minutes. Ask how'd they would do with that for 18 years. Then free them from the weight.
Musical		<u>"Amazing Grace: My Chains Are Gone"</u>	
Natural			
People - Interpersonal		The leader of the synagogue takes an odd approach to the situation. He is obviously anxious about this "work" being done on the sabbath, but rather than	Can you think of a time when you put the rules above someone's obvious need? What were the principles at work? Do you stand by or regret your decision, and why?

		<p>confronting Jesus for doing work, he admonishes the sick not to seek to be healed on the sabbath. This seems a precarious position for a number of reasons. It ignores the narrative of the 4th commandment that God provides sabbath to those who were slaves in Egypt, so that freeing from bondage is the root of keeping sabbath.</p> <p>While we have seen Jesus deflect triangles in the recent past when someone brings a charge to him against someone else, here, since the syn. leader should be bringing his concern to Jesus but doesn't, Jesus engages him (and kicks his ass).</p> <p>Big 10 football teams always grab the glory, and you never hear about Div. II or III schools. Similarly, the Ten Commandments get much religious attention, but the equally important commands to feed the hungry and help the suffering don't always get airtime.</p>	<p>See Self below. Divide the congregation in half or into small groups. Assign one half the questions about the woman and the other half the questions about the synagogue leader. Let them discuss in their groups. Then let the groups come together to discuss the different responses.</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>			<p>Imagine the internal dialogue of the bent woman over the arc of the story. What might she have been thinking and feeling (1) as she came to synagogue (2) when Jesus called her over (3) when she was declared free (4) when the synagogue leader rebuked the crowd (5) when Jesus rebuked</p>

			<p>the leader? Can you identify with any of those? Are there modern situations when people in need of healing might feel as she did?</p> <p>You could do the same exercise for the synagogue leader. Then see People above.</p>
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