

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Leviticus 19:1-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

2 Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: **You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.** 3 You shall each revere your mother and father, and you shall keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. 4 Do not turn to idols or make cast images for yourselves: I am the Lord your God.

5 When you offer a sacrifice of well-being to the Lord, offer it in such a way that it is acceptable in your behalf. 6 It shall be eaten on the same day you offer it, or on the next day; and anything left over until the third day shall be consumed in fire. 7 If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination; it will not be acceptable. 8 All who eat it shall be subject to punishment, because they have profaned what is holy to the Lord; and any such person shall be cut off from the people.

9 When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

11 You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. 12 And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.

13 You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. 14 You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

15 You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

17 You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Music - I/S, Nature - IS, People - S, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic		Get a thesaurus out and find how many ways you can say “generosity”	

		because that is what this passage is doing. Because that is what God is doing.	
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic		<p>Sabbath keeping is an opportunity to replenish one's body! Getting out of the usual routine, doing something that restores and renews the spirit (which is connected to the body's well-being).</p> <p>Sabbath keeping can be resting if one's usual routine is lots of physical motion or getting outside to do something if one's usual routine involves lots of sitting.</p>	<p>As the text is read, invite the congregation to offer opinion physically about whether an item is an expression of generosity by lifting both hands or an expression of selfishness by crossing both hands over the chest.</p> <p>(This gets tricky, since many of the items are expressed negatively - "Don't do this" - so figure how to take that into account to minimize confusion.)</p>
Musical	<p>ani YHWH - I [am] the Lord {I am "I am that I am"}</p>	<p>The passage has a regular refrain: I am the Lord {your God} Like a refrain in a song or poem, this lets you know that the previous thought is concluded. Ex. - We Are One in the Spirit</p>	<p>Build your sermon in verses with a refrain. {We can't give you much more than this idea seed} Possible refrains? "Be as generous as the Lord your God!"</p>
Natural	<p>Vss. 9-10 - Grain and grape harvest</p> <p>This practice does two things: 1 - provides a means of sustenance for those without land that would support them, and 2 - cleans a field or a vineyard efficiently; there would be no waste and the field or vineyard is ready to go</p>		<p>The USDA supports local gleaning efforts, especially in urban areas that are food deserts. Look over this pdf and see if there are ways your congregation can become involved!</p>

	for the next growing season		
People - Interpersonal			<p>Hand out a checklist - like a BINGO card? - for people to try to accomplish during the coming week with items from or based on this text:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> - Leave some good stuff for someone else</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> - Don't lie to anyone for a week</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> - Don't swear, using the Lord's name or "God", including "OMG"</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> - Be aware of how you judge both rich and poor in the news; listen to understand the case each make.</p>
Self - Intrapersonal	<p>Vs. 17 - 18</p> <p>Taking vengeance into one's own hands can backfire - it is a powerful thing and mere humans are too small and fragile to handle it.</p>	<p>The "Noisy Cricket" from M.I.B. It is a very small weapon but is extraordinarily powerful.</p> <p>Revenge can also be compared to a dangerous acid - it must be handled carefully or it could harm the user. (Seriously, these are spooky strong and lethal)</p> <p>Conversely, only a powerful God can handle this potent stuff and knows just how much to use so as not to destroy the offender. We aren't cosmic chemists like God!</p>	<p>Spend some time reflecting on what would make you do some of the things prohibited in this passage: keeping a grudge, judging unfairly, keeping back what you owe someone, etc. Honestly and objectively consider (1) how you feel about someone who would do such things (2) what fears or insecurities might be motivating you to do such things. How might the generosity of God help you to overcome whatever comes up in (2)?</p>