

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 (!)

Then God **spoke all these words**:

2 I am the Lord your God, who **brought you out of the land of Egypt**, out of the house of slavery;
3 **you shall have no other gods before me.**

4 You shall not make for yourself **an idol**, whether **in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.** [5 *You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.*]

7 You shall not **make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God**, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8 **Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.** 9 **Six days you shall labor and do all your work.** [10 *But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.*]

12 **Honor your father and your mother**, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13 You shall not **murder**.

14 You shall not **commit adultery**.

15 You shall not **steal**.

16 You shall not **bear false witness against your neighbor**.

17 You shall not **covet** your neighbor's house; you shall not **covet** your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or **ox, or donkey**, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

18 When all the people **witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet**, and the **mountain smoking, they were afraid** and **trembled** and stood at a distance, 19 and said to Moses, **"You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."** 20 Moses said to the people, **"Do not be afraid**; for God has come only to test you and to **put the fear of him upon you** so that you do not sin."

Word - B, Music - I, Nature - B, Self - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>D2</p>	<p>“God spoke all these words” - the commandments are given in context of the story of liberation from Egypt</p>	<p>Foundational stories:</p> <p>How you met your “significant other”</p> <p>How your parents met</p> <p>How a congregation was chartered</p> <p>How you came to make an important decision</p>	<p>“Might the problem of idolatry for us often be verbal images? Our <i>ideas</i> about God and the <i>verbal images</i> we use for God can be idolatrous; they often have as high a standing in our thinking/speaking about God as does God himself.” - Terence Fretheim, Working Preacher</p> <p>Either before the service or while the Scripture is read, encourage people to make a list of words that they associate with God. Then, ask them to compare them with their neighbors and see if there is anything different. (also PEOPLE) Why do these words come to mind and are different words surprising or challenging?</p>
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p>		<p>Vss. 8-9</p> <p>An infographic on the fourth commandment day of rest</p>	<p>V. 18 - Video of various volcanic eruptions. Some with lightning toward the end.</p> <p>Volcanic lightning</p> <p>See also NATURE</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p>			<p>Have the congregation count off the commandments as they are read</p>
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p>		<p>The 10 commandments carted around like babylonian gods (Isa. 46:1). According to Tom Long in the linked article, each commandment</p>	<p>Teach some hand motions as mnemonics for the ten commandments, like these or these.</p>

		would weigh just over 500 pounds. Good luck lifting that!	
Musical MWD		<p>“The good news of the God who set people free is the music; the commandments are the dance steps of those who hear it playing.” Tom Long</p> <p>This idea of freedom made me think of a refrain in Aretha Franklin’s song “Think”</p> <p>Also, the website Ranker has a list of the top 75 popular songs with freedom as a topic.</p> <p>In that same vein, Hymnary.org has a listing of 498 hymns</p>	Come up with some liturgical dance moves for each of the commandments!!
Natural D2	<p>Vs 18 “The words very nearly laid waste to the entire landscape around the mountainside and were as frightening to the ordinary hoi polloi of Israel as if a dangerous tornado were swirling their way.” ~ Scott Hoezee, Center for Excellence in Preaching</p>	<p>Vs. 18 - Recent studies show evidence that immersion in natural surroundings can be beneficial to the psyche, for example in resetting attention, reducing depression and anxiety, and increasing creativity. These are perhaps acutely related to modernity and our distance from nature due to urbanization and technology.</p> <p>Exposure to the intensity of the natural surroundings at Sinai seem to have increased the anxiety of the Hebrews.</p>	<p>This clip from the 1995 movie “Moses” starring Ben Kingsley shows how nature responds to YHWH’s presence. Start the clip at 2:00:00 and run it to about 2:06:30. See also EYE</p>
People - Interpersonal	<p>“The people are to match God’s single-minded devotion to them with a single-minded devotion</p>	<p>We tend to emulate people we hold in high esteem; wearing team jerseys, ball caps, campaign buttons,</p>	<p>Break into groups and discuss times when you adopted a manner of dress or other personal style that had roots in your</p>

	to God.” - Callie Plunkett-Brewton , WP	hairstyles (Dorothy Hamill wedges were EVERYWHERE in the 70s), etc.	appreciation for an individual.
Self - Intrapersonal MWD		<p>It’s suggested that the subconscious mind doesn’t process the word “don’t” so that your focus actually becomes the object of the prohibition. Here’s one person’s experience thereof in his golf game.</p> <p>Perhaps this is why Jesus summarized them more often in positive terms: love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself.</p> <p>Here’s a good follow-up to the above, clarifying how the subconscious processes those statements, primarily looking for an emotion to attach to the statement.</p> <p>Vs. 18-20 -- Experiences of awe can transformative and some scientists are trying to understand how it works</p>	<p>Provide or invite the congregation to develop a list of emotional responses involved with the prohibitions of the commandments and with the fulfillment of the inverses or contrapositives of the “shalt nots.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For example, what emotions go along with worship a god other than the One who brought you out of slavery? • What emotions for the perpetrator and the victim go with murder? adultery? • What is the emotional load of faithfulness, helpfulness, or contentedness? • Where do you want to live emotionally?