

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Matthew 22:34-46

34 When the Pharisees **heard** that **he had silenced the Sadducees**, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, a lawyer, **asked him a question to test him**. 36 “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” 37 He said to him, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**” 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: **‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’** 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 42 “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” 43 He said to them, **“How is it then** that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 44 ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? 45 If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” 46 No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Eye - S, Math - I, Body - B, People - S, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Is anyone else excited that Jesus tells us we are to love God with all our minds?		
Eye - Visual/Spatial MWD	A reminder that in the kingdom of God, love doesn't remain on heaven, but comes to earth.		Make a mobile with the 2 great commandments at the top and various quotes from the law and prophets hanging underneath. Here is a video with more technical, artistic mobile making, if you want to be more serious about it.
Math - Logical/Mathematical D2	The “heart” is the seat of a person’s will.	Use some riddles as illustrations, such as these . (If you are a nerd, you can refer to “ Riddles in the Dark ,” a chapter from <i>The Hobbit</i> ; also from the movie, here and here .)	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus simplifies the observance of the Law, basically reducing it from 613 commandments to 2, down by 97.67%. 	
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>The “soul” is what makes flesh alive.</p>	<p>Here is a link to a TED Radio Hour episode about play and how it can make us smarter, less stressed, and more empathetic. Maybe even better able to love?</p> <p>See also PEOPLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These two commands could be understood as Jesus’ “gentle yoke” and he is beside us to help us shoulder the weight and learn to do them. 	<p>Mark your heart, mind, and soul with heart stickers or paper hearts with tape to associate the love for God with your body. You probably know where your heart and mind are. Where would you mark your soul?</p> <p>Do this on your own bod, or ask someone ahead of time to be your model, or give everyone 3 hearts and let them figure it out themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese medicine has 5 souls? A few sort of scientific thoughts Another interesting article suggesting scientific evidence that the soul resides in the pineal gland at the center of the brain, where ancient philosophers seem to have thought it was.
<p>Musical</p>			
<p>Natural</p>	<p>Vs 37 Jesus is reminding those gathered about the devotion due to God.</p>	<p>Filial imprinting may be a natural example of devotion - okay, it’s also survival by attaching to an adult.</p>	
<p>People - Interpersonal</p> <p>D2</p>			<p>If you do the heart sticker SFX in BODY, give a 4th heart sticker for your neighbor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Hand out shapes for “heart” “soul”(maybe</p>

			<p>praying hands?) and “mind” (maybe a mortarboard?) with the words “God” and “neighbor” printed on each side. If you need to break into smaller groups, use the shape as a way to gather them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REL., ALT.: Give everyone one of the shapes named above here, but with no words on them. During the sermon, have people get into groups that have one of each shape. Have them try to figure out what the shapes mean and how they are related.
<p>Self - Intrapersonal MWD</p>	<p>Loving both God and neighbor enlarges the boundaries of the self.</p>		<p>Take a balloon and label it “self”. Show everyone the “self” balloon.</p> <p>Then take a box of baking soda that has been labeled “neighbor” and pour some into the balloon. Talk about the things you may have in common with your neighbor and the things that are different. Be sure to mention that God has made you both.</p> <p>Then take a bottle of vinegar labeled “God” and pour it into the balloon with the baking powder and show how loving both of them expands the self.</p> <p>Be CERTAIN to try this at home first, so you will know how much you will need to clean up afterwards.</p>