

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: BEaster5x2018

Text: 1 John 4:7-21

7 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. 15 God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. 16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Eye - B, Math - B, Music - I, Nature - B, People - B

| Smarts                   | Images in the text/<br>interesting exegesis | Illustrations   | SFX |
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| Word - Verbal/Linguistic |   | <p>"Would you know our Lord's meaning in all this? Learn it well. Love was the meaning. Who showed it to you? Love. What did God show you? Love. Why did God show it to you? For love. Hold fast to this and you shall learn and know more about love. But you shall never learn anything</p> |     |

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|                                    |  | except love from God.”<br><i>The Essence of Julian, A Paraphrase of Julian of Norwich’s Revelations of Divine Love</i> , by Ralph Milton   |  |
| Eye - Visual/Spatial<br>D2         |  | God is love is at the center of this passage; like a central motif in a <a href="#">mandala</a> or <a href="#">arabesque</a> artwork.  | Vss. 12-13, 15-16 - get some interlocking foam tiles like <a href="#">these</a> to demonstrate the idea of abiding in one another.   |
| Math - Logical/Mathematical<br>MWD |  | Vs. 8b - God is love is a like magnetic north; we are always drawn back to it.   | Vs. 18 - <a href="#">Use oil and water</a> to demonstrate displacement of one fluid with another. I think if you have a container with cooking oil in it and you slowly pour in water, the water will go to the bottom of the container and displace the oil. Haven’t tried it, but pretty sure that’s what happens. |
| Body - Kinesthetic                 | Abiding love   | “ <a href="#">Just Show Up: The Dance of Walking Through Suffering Together</a> ”<br>Kara Tippetts and Jill Lynne Buteyn - a memoir about embodied friendship - I have not read this and some of the reviews are not pleased with the trendy language, but most do appreciate the heart of it. |  |
| Musical<br>MWD                     | Verses 7 - 11 have a poetic meter; see below (vis. Alicia Myers, WP) | Jesus love me, this I know.<br><a href="#">Beloved, Let Us Love One Another</a>  |  |
| Natural<br>D2                      |  | V. 12 - Billy Graham <a href="#">used the illustration</a> that no one has ever seen the wind; we see the effects of the wind; and so it is with God / the Holy Spirit. We see the effects of God’s  | ⇐ Have a fan hidden behind the pulpit or somewhere near you. Turn it on, aimed at yourself or at someone or something that will be affected by its wind without the fan itself   |

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|                                       |  | <p>love and activity in the love and activity of the faithful.</p>  | <p>being seen.</p> <p>⇐ If you didn't use the science experiments from last week, they would also serve here: (1) <a href="#">make an electromagnet</a> with a battery, wire, and a nail, or (2) <a href="#">perform electrolysis</a> with a battery, two wires, and water with an electrolyte added (tap water may work). In both cases an unseen force produces visible results. Also <b>MATH</b> for the science.</p>  |
| <p>People - Interpersonal<br/>MWD</p> |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the movie <i>Love Story</i> (1970), both main characters use the line "Love means never having to say you're sorry." That probably isn't true. Regardless, John says instead that love means never having to say you're afraid (vss. 17-18).</li> <li>• Jill Duffield, editor for the <i>Presbyterian Outlook</i>, wrote this, mostly about the John 15 gospel text for this week, but it works for vss. 20-21 here:</li> </ul> <p>Over the past several weeks I have been reading old editions of the <i>Presbyterian Outlook</i>. I have been reading issues from the early 1940s. I came across a statement from the <i>Presbyterian women</i> of a Southern state regarding the segregation of denominational conference centers. They wrote:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"After much prayer, quiet meditation and</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vss. 12 &amp; 17 - the witness of the church to the presence of God</li> </ul> <p>Meredith once told us that she wasn't sure she believed in God, but that she did believe in the church.</p> <p>Discuss:</p> <p>The child who can love is the one who has received love.</p> <p>Vs 18 - perfect love casts out fear. Friends, married couples, close associates, can speak truth to each other without destroying the relationship. To urge a friend to quit smoking is not being disloyal. To caution an associate against questionable sales techniques is not betrayal. The techniques may cause some heartburn, but if the intention is for love of the other, techniques that would be abrasive would not be chosen.</p> |

earnestly seeking His will, we are impelled to offer you our suggestions concerning the teaching of Negro women and young people in leadership training. It is our belief that separate and distinct places of meeting for each race would result in exactly the kind of Christian relationship and attitude that we feel is our responsibility."

They went on to acknowledge their responsibility "for giving Christ to our Negroes" and noted that separate training centers "would result in true Christian social justice and properly discourage secular social intermingling."

The statement never once mentions the gospel or Jesus. The last line read: "The report was submitted to the board meeting on October 28, 1943, and was approved." Did anyone ask as they deliberated: What does love require? Will this action put us closer to Christ or farther away? If we are unwilling to abide with one another, how can we possibly abide in Jesus, the true vine to which all our branches are connected?

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|                      |  | There is a difference between loving someone and doing good for someone. |  |
| Self - Intrapersonal |  |  |  |

7 Beloved, let us love one another because love is from God.

And each one who loves has been begotten from God and knows God.

8 The one who does not love did not know God because God is love.

9 In this, the love of God was revealed to us:

His Son, the Unique-One, God has sent into the world  
so that we might live through him.

10 In this, love is:

Not that we ourselves have loved God,  
but that he himself loved us and sent his Son,  
a means of forgiveness concerning our sins.

11 Beloved, if thusly God loved us also we ourselves ought to love one another.