

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: John 15:1-8

“I am the **true vine**, and my Father is the **vine** grower. 2 He removes every **branch** in me that bears no **fruit**. Every **branch** that bears **fruit** he prunes to make it bear more **fruit**. 3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4 **Abide** in me as I **abide** in you. Just as the **branch** cannot bear **fruit** by itself unless it **abides** in the **vine**, neither can you unless you **abide** in me. 5 I am the **vine**, you are the **branches**. Those who **abide** in me and I in them bear much **fruit**, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Whoever does not **abide** in me is thrown away like a **branch** and withers; such **branches** are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you **abide** in me, and **my words abide** in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much **fruit** and become my disciples.

Word - I, Math - B, Body - S, Music - I, Nature - B, People - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>MWD</p>		<p><i>klemata</i> - branches Sounds like clematis, a flowering vine. (NATURE)</p> <p><i>kathairei</i> - pruning or cleansing sounds a bit like “catharsis” which is a lot like a cleansing or pruning (SELF)</p>	
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p>		<p>“Abide in me and I in you” reminds me (for some reason) of the "Dismantled MacGuffin" trope, where “someone has split an important object into pieces, and stored those pieces in different locations. Anyone who wants to possess the object must recover and recombine all the pieces.” Like pieces of a mystical ancient puzzle or lock-and-key</p>	

		mechanism.	
Math - Logical/Mathematical D2		<p>Jesus seems to be talking about dipolar living, that is life with two essential, distinct, and deeply connected poles, namely the disciple and himself.</p> <p>Not unlike a battery or a bar magnet. In a battery, which is more important, the + or the - terminal? On a magnet, which is more important, N or S?</p>	<p>⇐ produce a battery and/or a magnet to discuss the dipolar nature of our relationship with Jesus</p>
Body - Kinesthetic D2			<p>Continuing with the dipole illustration in MATH, get a partner of similar size to yourself. Hold hands securely, lean back a little, and spin around each other, like they do in the romantic montages in the movies. If you can't do so, find two people who can, either kids or adults. Practice beforehand, and make sure there are spotters in place to catch anyone who flies off.</p>
Musical MWD		<p>Thelonius Monk, Abide with Me</p> <p>We Abide in You, David MacGregor © 2012 Willow Publishing inspired by John 15:1-8</p>	
Natural MWD	Vitis, the botanical name for grape, is etymologically related to the word vita, life.	<p>Grapes have been cultivated in the Near East for over 7,000 years, back to the Neolithic period. The oldest known winery, found at Vayots Dzor in Armenia, dates from 4,000 years ago.</p> <p>Just under the outer bark of the vine and the branches are two layers necessary for the survival</p>	<p>Bring in plants!</p> <p>Bring in grapes!</p> <p>Bring in grape growers!</p> <p>Bring in wine!!</p> <p>Bring in winemakers!!</p>

		<p>of the plant: the xylem and the phloem. The xylem carries water and nutrients up from the roots, through the vine, into the branches and the leaves. The phloem carries sugars, the products of photosynthesis, down from the leaves, through the branches, through the vine, to the roots. It is a reciprocal arrangement of survival, nourishment, and fruit-bearing.</p>	
<p>People - Interpersonal D2</p>		<p>“Mystic Meister Eckhart wrote that a plum brings forth plums not by an act of will but because it is its nature to do so. So the worshiping community — gathered around Christ, partaking of Christ, allowing the being of Christ to flow unimpeded into all the branches — produces what it, by its nature, must: godly fruit of compassion, loving-kindness, mercy, patience, wisdom, love.” ~ Susan Palo Cherwien, CC <i>Also NATURE for plums and branches and stuff</i></p>	<p>Nadia Bolz Weber says it best: “Christianity is a lousy religion for the “I’ll do it myself” set. We are meant to be tangled up together. We are meant to live lives of profound interdependence, growing into, around, and out of each other.”</p> <p>Discuss how being tangled up together is a positive thing.</p> <p>David Lose: “Jesus doesn’t just say “Abide in me.” Rather, he says, “Abide in me, as I abide in you.” And that changes everything. Jesus is with you, for you, abiding in you, and will not let you go. Important words for people who feel cut down by circumstances. These words are pure promise, gracious words of presence and providence.”</p> <p>Discuss how being part of the vine makes a difference in your life.</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>			

