

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: CEaster 7x2019

Texts: [Acts 16:16-34](#) • [Psalm 97](#) • [Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21](#) • [John 17:20-26](#)

EYE Smart

An EYE smart person is someone with the ability to see in pictures rather than words. They learn and express themselves in visual ways which includes drawing and design, three-dimensional constructing (such as LEGO® bricks), and other visual arts, such as photography, sculpting, and painting. This person needs pictures, maps, diagrams, charts, photos, and other visual/spatial material. I think when Jesus asked disciples to “consider the lilies of the field” he was asking them to engage their visual imaginations as they compared God’s splendor against King Solomon’s. Taking and putting a small child in the midst of a crowd illustrated the way one enters the kingdom, with no standing and no claims on any part of it except what God chooses to give.

Text: **John 17:20-26**

20 "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, **are in me and I am in you**, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
EYE smart		Vs 21 - The interchanged relationship between Jesus and the Father made me think of an amoeba enfolding a paramecium - which has NATURE smart overtones! And is also sorta scary ! I also	Put together one of those marble runs for kids to demonstrate how gravity brings things down to a surface - yes, this is much more a MATH smart sfx - but the visual of something beginning from “on high” and then

		<p>thought of a Venn diagram - which is MATH smart! [<i>We did this in 2016!</i>]</p> <p>Vs 22 - The glory given by the Father to Jesus to the disciples to the world in my mind looks like one of those chocolate fountains that cascade down.</p> <p>Or for a less sticky illustration, it's like a snowball starting at the top of a hill and gathering more and more snow as it rolls down. OR a waterfall.</p>	<p>cascading down demonstrates the way grace and glory begin with God and flow to us through and in Jesus.</p> <p>OR get a flour sifter and sift powdered sugar onto some cupcakes which you could then eat at fellowship!</p>
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Text: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

12 "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

14 Blessed are those **who wash their robes**, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

15 Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16 "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; 19 if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

20 The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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EYE smart		Vs 17 - think about a bride entering a church for a wedding - this is exactly the image John is conjuring for this passage! Also, there is a sense that people are waiting for someone to enter a building, so think about going to a concert and	Put up some pictures of clothes hanging on a clothesline... Or put up a clothesline with some clothes hanging on it!

		waiting for the artist you've come to see to take the stage. This can be fairly dramatic as we've noted before - I think it was Taylor Swift who had a smoke filled appearance, wasn't it?	
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Text: Psalm 97

- 1 The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
- 2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.
- 7 All worshipers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O God.
- 9 For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

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EYE smart		The first seven verses may be a bit overwhelming if your church is or has been in areas devastated by tornadoes this month. But that big dramatic front moving through comes to mind with these images.	This is a good time to explore what artists have done with these passages. Pick some that speak to you and that you think would appeal to your congregation.

Text: Acts 16:16-34

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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EYE smart			Act this passage out! Get people to assume the characters of Paul, Silas, the slave girl, her master, townspeople, soldiers, the jailer, other inmates. [PEOPLE smart]