

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: CEaster4x2019

Texts: [Acts 9:36-43](#) • [Psalm 23](#) • [Revelation 7:9-17](#) • [John 10:22-30](#)

BODY Smart

Body smart people are good with movement, whether large or small motor skills. These people would be members of a liturgical dance team, which could also include MUSIC smart people. They might be utilized to teach ways to sign prayers. They might be the ones to make banners with EYE smart people or construct prayers ropes or beads. Working in conjunction with PEOPLE smart individuals, they may be the ones to pick up members of the congregation who have mobility issues. They might work with NATURE smart folks on the gardens at members homes or in the community or at your church. The best way to include your BODY smart people is to give them things to DO; hands on work, work that gets them out of the pew and into action.

Text: John 10:22-30

22 At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The **works that I do** in my Father's name testify to me; 26 but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and **they follow** me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can **snatch it out of** the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."

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| <p>BODY smart</p> | | <p>Vs 25 - the works that I do The way people do things can identify them - I'm thinking of the Great British Baking Show where contestants are all given the exact same task and each of them turns out a biscuit or cake or pie that reflects them as a baker; careful, improvisational, lazy, etc. What Jesus has done up to this point has revealed</p> | <p>⇐ I'm thinking of all the ways that children complete a craft. Hand out a simple craft that the children (of all ages) can work on while you preach. You can follow two options when they finish: have them hold them up for display then and there OR display them at your fellowship hour and allow your artists the chance to discuss why they put their</p> |

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| | | <p>his character - he has left a trail of evidence as to who he is.</p> <p>Vs 27 - <i>they follow me</i> Follow the leader!! Remember playing that as a kid? Or following the person who has the directions/better gps?</p> | <p>craft together the way they chose to. Or do both!</p> <p>⇐ Play follow the leader and be certain to ask people who've joined the game why they did so; they thought it would be fun, the seats are hard, they trust you....</p> |
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Text: Revelation 7:9-17

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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| BODY smart | The body of saints is uncompromisingly international. The symbolic images serve our ethics. There is so much significance in them they cannot help but move us to think <i>and act</i> . | Vs 9 - multitude Ever gone to a political rally or concert? There ya go... I remember standing around in the sidewalk outside 5/3 Field in Dayton watching the crowds go past - I was overcome with a sense that each person who | This year is the 50th anniversary of Woodstock. Post some images of the crowd |

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| | <p>The provisions in verses 16 & 17 echo the promise of such in Psalm 23. Must be why they are both selected!</p> | <p>went by was someone Jesus loved deeply.</p> <p>Vs 15-17 - a heavenly hostel maybe? The multitude has gathered somewhere they can rest and recover, maybe like a hostel on a hiking trail.</p> <p>A team gathering after a big game - locker room victories or defeats - the cast party -</p> | <p>I had the chance to volunteer for a fun run and decided that my function was to cheer on every person who went past me. I figured since they were subjecting themselves to this torment, they needed someone to acknowledge it. Most were appreciative!</p> |
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Text: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He **makes me lie down** in green pastures;
he **leads me** beside still waters;

3 he restores **my soul**.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

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| <p>BODY smart</p> | <p>Safety and sustenance are twin themes</p> <p>Here is an article that is entirely MUSIC smart regarding Issac Watts' hymn <i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>, my favorite musical version of this psalm. The author has a lot of music theory in this but what makes me link to it is that this would be a FANTASTIC liturgical dance piece.</p> | <p>Phillip Keller, A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23: "Sheep need four things to lie down: freedom from fear, freedom from friction with the flock, freedom from parasites, and freedom from hunger." (pg 24)</p> <p>This is very much a NATURE smart illustration, but think how freedom from these fears work in our own bodies...</p> <p>We rest better when we are content, full, healthy, and happy.</p> | <p>SFX - bring in a collection of things that "keep us going" - cell phones, coffee cups, health food, car keys, portfolios, diplomas, etc.</p> <p>Include in this grab bag some bread, house keys, and a bottle of water.</p> <p>Invite people to come forward and begin throwing out the things that are NOT necessities . Keep going until basic things are left. Point out the psalmist insists God provides these things.</p> <p><i>Anointing with oil</i></p> |

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| | | <p>Vs 3 - Hebrew <i>nephes</i> YHWH restores that which gives life - is this simply the basic necessities or is it that which makes a soul revive?</p> <p>Vs 4 - <i>you are with me</i> illustration - coaches who are with athletes</p> <p>directors who are with choirs acting troupes</p> | <p>Healing cuts, insect bites got any ointments? lotions? oils?</p> <p>sfx - ask someone to come up and lift a weight off the ground and then join them to do so</p> |
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Text: Acts 9:36-43

36 Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. 37 At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. 38 Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." 39 So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. 41 He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. 42 This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. 43 Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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| <p>BODY smart</p> | | <p>For years when I was in elementary school, I would come home to find shirts, dresses, skirts, pants and all other manner of clothing hanging around the dining room and know that my mom had been busy at the sewing machine. We wore most of what she made which usually fit pretty well - I remember one pantsuit she made me in 1974 that I just loved!</p> | <p>Do you have any quilts or paraments or banners made by a member of your congregation? Who knows this person and their story? (this is PEOPLE smart, but the object was made by someone with love, like Dorcas' clothes for the widows).</p> <p>Are there any clothing ministries in your area? There is a Dorcas Clothing group on Facebook!</p> |