

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: COrdinary13x2019

Texts: [1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21](#) and [Psalm 16](#) • [Galatians 5:1, 13-25](#) • [Luke 9:51-62](#)

Complimentary vs. Semi-continuous

Mini feedback loop - Gail Kenny's Pentecost service (link to post?)

WORD Smart (D2)

Word Smart is for readers. For learning, it's about books, worksheets, word puzzles and exercises. Syntax, semantics, and structure, rhetoric and rubrics.

Most used of the intelligences in worship, especially liturgical worship. Reading, talking, listening. Jesus was a master storyteller, preacher, and teacher.

Text: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

19:15 Then the LORD said to him, "Go, **return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus**; when you arrive, **you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram**. 16 Also **you shall anoint Jehu** son of Nimshi as **king over Israel**; and **you shall anoint Elisha** son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as **prophet in your place**.

17 Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. 18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

19:19 So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and **threw his mantle over him**. 20 He left the oxen, **ran** after Elijah, and said, "**Let me kiss my father and my mother**, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?"

19:21 He returned from following him, **took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them**; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and **gave it to the people**, and **they ate**. Then he set out and **followed Elijah, and became his servant**.

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
WORD smart	Vs. 20 - "what have I done to you?"	Vs. 20 is pretty ambiguous. It might mean, "Turn around, and consider carefully the important thing I have	← Come up with a list of ambiguous statements and put them on an insert in your bulletin or on screen as per your tech.

		<p>done to you!" Or it might mean, "Go ahead and go back. I've done nothing to stop you."</p> <p>There was a skit on SNL years and years ago where Ed Asner was an engineer retiring from a nuclear power plant. His parting wisdom for his coworkers was, "Remember, you can't put too much water in the reactor." And he leaves. One of his coworkers then sets off to put more water in the reactor, because "you <i>can't</i> put too much water in." Others stop him, because "you can't put <i>too much</i> water in." The argument goes on as the reactor begins to go critical.</p> <p>So what are the implications of each interpretation of Elijah's reply? To what extent is our understanding of this scene influenced by the Gospel text for the day, and to what extent should it be?</p>	<p>Ask people to choose which meaning they think each one has. Poll them with a show of hands.</p>
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Text: Psalm 16

Song of Trust and Security in God
A Miktam of David.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
2 I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."
- 3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.
- 4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.
- 5 The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- 6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- 8 I keep the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
- 10 For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.
- 11 You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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WORD smart		The psalm is like an old school testimonial advertisement: I had this terrible problem, but then I found Product A! I'd tried other products before, but they just didn't do the job. Now I use Product A and my	Write your own psalm about how God has led you and protected you. Invite your congregation to do the same! Create a template for a testimonial ad, based on the psalm, but with blanks

		terrible problem has disappeared! I tell all my friends to use Product A. You should, too! This style is not currently in favor in advertising in the U.S., so you may need to go back a few decades for good examples.	for people to fill in. See below.
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I had this terrible problem. You see, I _____ (*name the problem*)

But then I found the LORD GOD! The LORD GOD _____ (*describe God's help*)

I'd tried other products before, like _____ or _____, but they just didn't do the job.

Now I rely on the LORD GOD and my _____ (terrible problem) has disappeared!

I tell all my friends to trust the LORD GOD. You should, too!

Text: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and **do not submit** again to a yoke of slavery.

13 For **you were called** to freedom, brothers and sisters; only **do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence**, but **through love become slaves to one another**. 14 For the **whole law is summed up in a single commandment**, "**You shall love your neighbor as yourself**." 15 If, however, **you bite and devour one another**, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

16 **Live by the Spirit**, I say, and **do not gratify the desires of the flesh**. 17 For **what the flesh desires** is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed **to the flesh**; for these are opposed to each other, **to prevent you from doing what you want**. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19 Now **the works of the flesh** are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. **I am warning you, as I warned you before**: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 By contrast, the **fruit** of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness**, 23 **gentleness, and self-control**. **There is no law against such things**. 24 And **those who belong to Christ Jesus** have **crucified the flesh with its passions and desires**. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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WORD smart			Chart the correspondence between the 15 works of the flesh and the 9 fruit of the Spirit (see below). It requires a little creative reordering, but it demonstrates Paul's general parallelism a little more explicitly. Notice in my example there is no corresponding work of the flesh for joy. <i>See also MATH for chart and logical comparison, SELF for internal reflection</i>

Fruits of the Spirit	Works of the Flesh
love	fornication, impurity, licentiousness,
joy	X
peace	enmities, strife,
patience	quarrels,
kindness	anger, factions,
generosity	jealousy, envy,
faithfulness	idolatry, sorcery,
gentleness	dissensions,
self-control	drunkenness, carousing

Text: Luke 9:51-62

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

51 When the days drew near **for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.** 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. **On their way** they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53 but **they did not receive him**, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54 When his disciples James and John **saw it**, they said, "Lord, **do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven** and consume them?"[a] 55 But **he turned and rebuked them.** 56 Then [b] they went on to another village.

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "**I will follow you wherever you go.**" 58 And Jesus said to him, "**Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.**" 59 To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, **first let me go** and bury my father." 60 But Jesus said to him, "**Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.**" 61 Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; **but let me first say farewell to those at my home.**" 62 Jesus said to him, "No one who **puts a hand to the plow and looks back** is fit for the kingdom of God."

[b] Luke 9:56 Other ancient authorities read ... rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what spirit you are of, 56 for the Son of Man has not come to destroy the lives of human beings but to save them." Then...

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WORD smart	Vss 57-62 is full of idioms and cryptic references.	<p>Jesus' statements in v57-61 are sort of folksy aphorisms, like Dan Ratherisms on election night, only with more spiritual impact. They really grab your attention and make you think without being a direct answer to the person being addressed.</p> <p>Here are a few links for Ratherisms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adweek.com• Official Dan Rather site• Some fake Ratherisms that are a little raunchier	