

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Texts: Jeremiah 23:23-29 • Psalm 82 • Hebrews 11:29-12:2 • Luke 12:49-56

BODY Smart - D2

This person likes to build, experience, feel and touch, make things, move. This learner needs to move and feel. Everyone learns best through experience and doing. Hopefully our classrooms no longer have students sitting at desks with a “teacher expert” pouring information into their heads.

From *Multiple Intelligences in Faith Formation*, [Sharon Ely Pearson](#)

Text: Jeremiah 23:23-29

23 Am I a God **near by**, says the LORD, and not a God **far off**? 24 Who can hide in secret places **so that I cannot see them**? says the LORD. Do I not fill **heaven and earth**? says the LORD. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said **who prophesy lies in my name**, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" 26 How long? **Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back**--those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy **the deceit of their own heart**? 27 They plan to make my people **forget my name** by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors **forgot my name** for Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but **let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully**. **What has straw in common with wheat**? says the LORD. 29 **Is not my word like fire**, says the LORD, and **like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces**?

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
BODY		<p>V. 29 – Watching some vids > on hammering rocks apart, I learned that if you want to use the rock, you hammer carefully, patiently, and persistently, not just willy-nilly blasting away. Is that instructive of how God’s word works?</p> <p><i>These ^ > have a bit of NATURE Smart, but BODY for swinging the hammer.</i></p>	<p>Vs. 29 – Like it says: bring in a sledge hammer to break a rock in pieces. Take appropriate precautions to protect everyone against flying bits. Consider using a chisel in a rock with a prepared slot. Or showing a video of someone splitting rocks with a hammer. Maybe this video from ATOH will do the trick.</p>

			<p>Maybe pass a rock and a hammer around the congregation, so they can at least tap on the rock if not bang.</p> <p>Also of interest, this unusual rock fall where hitting the rocks with a hammer makes a musical sound!</p> <p>I suppose while you are at it, you could also try using a flint and steel to strike a flame, again taking all appropriate safety precautions.</p>
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Text: Psalm 82

- 1 God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?
- 3 Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
- 4 Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
- 5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding,
they walk around in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 I say, "You are gods,
children of the Most High, all of you;
- 7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince."
- 8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth;
for all the nations belong to you!

Selah

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BODY			This might be a good passage to use some interpretive movement. See below:

1 God has taken his place in the divine council;	Looking up, sweep both arms above from back to front to form a circle or an arena
in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:	Right hand in a mighty fist (gods), left hand out to the side, palm up (justice)
2 “How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?	Accusing finger sweeping around the council
3 Give justice to the weak and the orphan	Hands pointing down, palms out, indicating the lowly at your feet
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.	Hands out, palms up, in “balance” of justice
4 Rescue the weak and the needy;	Lift hands higher, as if lifting the needy
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”	Grasping fists, like the wicked clutching the weak
Pause...	Looking around for a response from the council...
5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding	Looking at congregation to explain, disappointed
they walk around in darkness	Hands out, groping, as if blind
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.	Shake the foundations
Pause...	
6 I say, “You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;	Pointing again around at the council
7 nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.”	Indicating the grave with both hands
Pause...	
8 Rise up, O God, judge the earth	Hands up, pleading
for all the nations belong to you!	Arms flung wide, indicating all the nations; Raising hands, looking up, lifting the nations to God.
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Text: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The Faith of Other Israelite Heroes

29 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

The Example of Jesus

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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BODY		Vs. 12:1 – Training for a race by wearing ankle weights and wrist weights, and maybe a weight belt. Those weights help you build strength and endurance, but you don't want them	← Bring in some ankle weights, if you can find them, to demonstrate what they propose to do and what they may actually do, according to this cited article/podcast. Strap them on and move

		<p>during the actual race. Taking them off will make you swifter and make the race easier. Or at least that's the theory. Here's an article/podcast from Runner's Connect that suggests that training with ankle weights increases the chance of injury as well as putting extra stress on your joints. They will also change the shape of your movement, so that you won't run the same way without them, which could actually impede your speed.</p> <p>So the better way to increase your speed is to lay aside the weights and just run more.</p>	<p>around with them for a bit. Then lay them aside, you know, like the sin that binds us.</p> <p>Invite your people to imagine the weights on them. For a SELF Smart element, let them name that weight, i.e. their favorite sin. Then let them imagine how much lighter they feel without the weight.</p>
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Text: **Luke 12:49-56**

Jesus the Cause of Division

49 "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Interpreting the Time

54 He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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BODY		Vs. 50 – Have you ever been the poor sucker in a dunk tank? Sitting over the water, waiting until someone manages to hit the trigger and drop you in could be pretty anxiety producing, especially if the water is cold, or if you don't like water that much. How much worse if you knew you would die when you hit the water!	Vs. 51-52 – Find a family sitting together and go sit right in the midst of them, pushing your way in between parents and kids. <i>The idea of dividing families has some political heat in some circles, so choose wisely how you approach this. Don't exploit any kids' fears or anxieties to make a point. Also, Jesus' point is clearly no justification for dividing vulnerable families for geopolitical reasons. But his words mean something;</i>

			<i>mainly that the call of Christ is one that can challenge our deepest loyalties.</i>
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