

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Texts: [Jeremiah 23:23-29](#) • [Psalm 82](#) • [Hebrews 11:29-12:2](#) • [Luke 12:49-56](#)

EYE Smart - MWD

This person likes to do puzzles, draw, imagine, use color, and visualize. This learner thinks best through seeing or visualizing. Make sure your learning space has posters and charts appropriate to the themes you are learning about. Refer to them. Invite students to design displays and bulletin boards around your church. Explore prayer through drawing. Illustrate Bible stories.

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

Text: **Jeremiah 23:23-29**

23 Am I a God **nearby**, 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
EYE		Verse 23 - nearby and far off - a cosmic game of Red Light / Green Light	⇐ make some hand-held signs "Nearby" and "Far Off" to give to the congregation. Encourage people to hold one up as the passage is read if they think God is "nearby" or "faroff" as the passage is read. (This will engage some SELF smart considerations and maybe some PEOPLE smart comparisons.)

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?

Selah

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!

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
EYE	Vs. 1 → take his place <u>can be translated</u> as “take a stand”	Vs 5 → examples of walking around in the dark: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have you ever been in a blackout?- Have you ever tried to walk around outside in the dark before your eyes get adjusted?- Have you ever gotten up in the middle of the night and run into a wall where the door to the bathroom is	⇐ try this exercise which would include some BODY, SELF, and PEOPLE smart elements, too. Get a group of people ahead of time to ponder what “taking a stand” looks like. Have them brainstorm some situations (PEOPLE smart - collaboration and working together) that they can then pantomime or present (EYE smart) in tableau (BODY smart). OR, encourage your congregation to think about times when they

		<p>supposed to be?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have you ever tried to get to your room without waking your parents, roommates, or spouse?	<p>themselves have taken a stand. Can they see God doing the same thing?</p>
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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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EYE		The way the author of Hebrews builds this example of faith like building blocks . These verses follow right on the heels of Abraham, so maybe you might take each name and put then	Take the list and either: Make posters of each person and their example of perseverance / obedience Get actors to present each

		<p>on a block and stack them on top of each other as you read them. When you get to Jesus, put a cross on top of the pile.</p>	<p>situation in tableau</p> <p>Invite the congregation to imagine each scene in their imaginations</p> <p>Find photos of seas, walls, kingdoms, law courts, fires, battles, women grieving, etc.</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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EYE		Vs. 54ff = We may not all be as apt at interpreting weather signs as the people in Jesus' day - mostly because we are indoors a lot and don't really rely on weather in our post-agricultural society - but we do pay attention to traffic signs.	<p>Vs 54 - There are a LOT of NATURE smart opportunities in this phrase, but for EYE smart, post pictures from this article from AccuWeather.</p> <p>Also for these verses, project or show some pictures of traffic and other types of signs that we DO pay attention to.</p> <p>THEN, post some pictures of the "present time" signs Jesus referred to in Luke and maybe that are happening right now.</p>