

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Texts: [Isaiah 58:9b-14](#) • [Psalm 103:1-8](#) • [Hebrews 12:18-29](#) • [Luke 13:10-17](#)

## PEOPLE Smart - D2

“This person likes to be with people, emphasize, interact, lead, teach. This learner learns best by working with others and is also very tuned to others’ feelings and needs. Involve your students by inviting them to present and lead class activities. Outreach and service projects are other opportunities where these people thrive.”

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

*Testimony, small group discussion, drama as PEOPLE Smart in worship*

**Text: Luke 13:10-17 (NRSV)**

10 Now **he was teaching** in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had **crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over** and was **quite unable to stand up straight**. 12 **When Jesus saw her**, **he called her over** and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” 13 When **he laid his hands on her**, immediately **she stood up straight** and began praising God. 14 But the leader of the synagogue, **indignant** because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “**There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.**” 15 But the Lord answered him and said, “**You hypocrites!** Does not each of you on the sabbath **untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?** 16 And ought not this woman, **a daughter of Abraham** whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” 17 **When he said this**, **all his opponents were put to shame**; and **the entire crowd was rejoicing** at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<b>PEOPLE</b>		Public healthcare has been an issue we have struggled with in the U.S. for decades. Some think everyone should get healthcare regardless of ability to pay, but someone needs to pay for it. Some denigrate	← Invite people to discuss: What are some ways that we as a society put barriers in the way of people getting healing?  Somehow this often becomes a political discussion, but work to

		<p>those who are chronically sick and those who cannot afford healthcare adequate to their needs as irresponsible. (This seems to be a near neighbor to the leader of the synagogue, who takes the odd course of blaming the sick for coming for healing on the sabbath.) See if you can give a fair representation of the different views and positions in terms of pro and con without partisanship. The point is to show that what is important to Jesus is that the woman should be healed and other questions are far less important.</p> <p><a href="#">Here's a link to a story on facebook</a> about a man who was bent over who was grocery shopping and a boy who helped him.</p>	<p>keep it from being partisan! If for no other reason than Jesus calls out those who put rules and arguments over the needs of the sick. Says so. Right here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Invite someone to come up and stand bent over. Invite the volunteer, still holding the bent-over posture, to consider how interacting with others would be affected by this. What sort of implicit messages do we apply to someone in this posture? (<i>Possibly subservient, humble, lacking self-esteem, sad, etc.</i>) How might you think of others if all you could see of them was their feet? How would this affect your sense of safety in the world?</p>
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**Text: Hebrews 12:18-29 (NRSV)**

18 You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20 (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

25 See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! 26 At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." 27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; 29 for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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PEOPLE		Vs. 25 – When you were a kid and your sibling warned you against doing a thing you were doing, because it was wrong and your parents wouldn't like it, but you kept doing the thing any way, and then your parent showed up to find you doing the thing, and as predicted was not happy. At that point did you keep doing the thing or finally desist? Nine times out of 10 you desist, until you become a teenager, and then it drops a bit. If you didn't desist, you likely reaped the rewards of your obstinance.	

**Text: Psalm 103:1-8 (NRSV)**

Of David.

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The Lord works vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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PEOPLE		Vs 2 – I just read <a href="#">a story on facebook</a> about a woman who had an accident at work that resulted in a severe brain injury. She was in her 20s and had been married for 9 months, but when she came to from the accident she thought she was 17 and she had no idea who her husband was. She lost several years of her life and all memory of her relationship and love for her husband. She couldn't manage staying in the marriage, but recognized his goodness to her. So they started dating again. They fell in love all over	

		<p>and are engaged. Again.</p> <p>Steadfast love and faithfulness. Love that remains, even if the other should forget. These are illustrative of God's love, too.</p>	
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**Text: Isaiah 58:9b-14 (NRSV)**

9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

10 if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

11 The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

13 If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;  
14 then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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PEOPLE		Ends up being like a lease or a contract, listing the responsibilities of the party of the first part and the reciprocal benefits delivered thereunto by the party of the second part.	Bring in a lease agreement or other similar legal contract to talk about. If you have a contract lawyer in your congregation or community, invite that person to come discuss the sorts of agreements that people make using

			<p>legal frameworks.</p> <p>Consider WHY we do this - namely, to make clear what is expected and because it is likely that without the written agreement, someone wouldn't do the thing. Maybe?</p>
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