

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: COrd22x2019

Texts: Sirach 10:12-18 or Proverbs 25:6-7 • Psalm 112 • Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 • Luke 14:1, 7-14

NATURE Smart - D2

This person likes to categorize, collect, grow, plant, relate to animals, and sort. This learner thinks best by using natural phenomenon. Tap into God's creation! Explore environmental issues and act – plant seeds, build and tend a garden on church property, hold a blessing of the animals to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Celebrate ... Earth Day!

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

Text: Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, **they were watching him closely.**

7 **When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.** 8 **"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; 9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.** 10 **But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.** 11 **For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."**

12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, **do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors,** in case they may invite you in return, and **you would be repaid.** 13 **But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.** 14 **And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."**

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NATURE		This is suggesting a sort of reversal of a social Darwinism. Perhaps because we have an incomplete or poor understanding of "survival of the fittest," we think climbing socially	

		<p>is always most desirable.</p> <p>In evolutionary terms, fitness doesn't necessarily mean strength, endurance, or health. It means the extent to which an individual passes on its genes to succeeding generations, as described in this article from socratic.org. The article gives examples of a weak male lion being able to produce more surviving progeny than a strong male lion and a cheetah that has 3 cubs, all of which die before adulthood.</p> <p>Jesus is perhaps saying that one can actually increase one's social evolution, as it were, by taking a more humble approach. "Alphas" may get social status, but they may not be as well regarded or as widely regarded or as helpful to the population as a whole as one willing to lift others up? So the "adaptation" of humility is potentially more successful than the "me first" approach.</p> <p><i>NB - Applying scientific principles to social situations by analogy is dicey business. Analogy should not be taken as equivalency. Taking the humble seat at a banquet is not necessarily a Darwinian choice, but it kind of looks like one.</i></p>	
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Text: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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NATURE		<p>Vs. 3 – Here's a conversation on a forum (Chronicle of the Horse .com) about whether pets know if their people are in pain. Most people say yes.</p> <p>What if we were as attuned to human suffering as some of these dogs and cats?</p>	<p>Vs. 15 – Bring in a big bowl of fruit. At prayer time, invite people to come up, hold up a piece of fruit and declare praise for God for whatever is on their hearts.</p>

Text: Psalm 112

1 Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

6 For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

7 They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

8 Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

9 They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

10 The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

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NATURE		<p>Vs. 4a – Describe the world at dawn -- generally a mix of stillness and anticipation. Birds may be singing, but much of the human world is hushed. There is a hopefulness in the dawn. Could God's people be like that?</p> <p>Here's a longer, similar description of the experience of dawn with a bunch of SELF Smart thrown in from The School of Life .com.</p>	

Text: Sirach 10:12-18

12 The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. 13 For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. 14 The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. 15 The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. 16 The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. 17 He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. 18 Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

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NATURE			Vs. 15 – Bring in some potted plants and some starters and some potting soil. Ruthlessly pull the potted plants out, root and all. Dump out the pot, add some fresh soil, and plant the starters in the same pots.

Text: Proverbs 25:6-7

6 Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;
7 for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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