

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: COrd27x2019

Texts: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 • Psalm 37:1-9 • 2 Timothy 1:1-14 • Luke 17:5-10

EYE Smart

Good with art and 3-dimensional space, including color, arrangement, images

This is the ability to see in pictures rather than words, and includes drawing and design, three-dimensional constructing (such as LEGO® bricks), and other visual arts, such as photography, sculpting, and painting. This person needs pictures, maps, diagrams, charts, photos, and other visual/spatial material.

In worship, project images or have pictures printed out for bulletin inserts. Make use of your physical space and “move” the story around in it. Draw attention to windows, parameters, banners, and other physical characteristics of your worship space. Allow time for mental imaging; do a guided meditation and as you preach or read Scripture, emphasize images in the story that is your base material.

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Text: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. 2 O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? 3 **Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble?** Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. 4 So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

2 I will stand at my **watchpost**, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. 2 Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. 3 For there is **still a vision** for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. 4 Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
EYE	"... justice goes forth twisted/crooked/bent out of shape (NRSV: perverted). The law is malleable (NRSV: slack);	Vs 3 = this could be any old day, couldn't it? Illustrations could include riots, shootings, political rallies, public beatings,	← <i>(based on commentary)</i> Bring in a cane or a shovel or some other type of implement that needs a long pole for proper (or

	<p>the wicked surround the righteous, eager to devour...” ~ commentary by Richard Nysse</p>	<p>harassment, assaults, or war photos. The possibilities are depressingly endless. I feel ya’, Hab.</p> <p>Vs 1 = watchpost A soldier or guard looking for signs of unusual activity or trouble. Like someone looking down the road waiting for a bus or looking for a taxi. Someone who is on a race route waiting for runners, cyclists, or cars to go past. A relay runner waiting for a teammate to pass a baton.</p>	<p>easier) use. If you can swing this, get one that is easily bent or twisted out of shape and bend, break, or twist it.</p> <p>An interesting note: even if the pole is broken or bent way out of shape, the tool is not useless. It can still be utilized, it’s just a heck of a lot harder on us. Is this God’s experience with us? We don’t challenge injustice so we hamper God’s capacity to work in the world? Just a thought....</p>
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Text: Psalm 37:1-9

- 1 Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
2 for they will soon **fade like the grass**,
and **wither like the green herb**.
- 3 Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
4 Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.
6 He will make your vindication **shine like the light**,
and the justice of your cause **like the noonday**.
- 7 **Be still** before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.
- 8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.
9 For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

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EYE	Wil Gafney at Working Preacher translates the word “fret” as “burn” which is closer to the Hebrew. I think it’s an interesting visual image.	⇐ do not burn at evildoers - is this like wearing a flame proof suit? Wearing the PPE (personal protection equipment) of a fire-fighter? Flames are all around you, but you are protected. What is this PPE for us?	<p>Vs 2 - show some pictures or even bring in some plants that are fading since it is now autumn here. (NATURE smart)</p> <p>Vs 6 - break out the searchlights!</p> <p>Do you know anyone who is a fire-fighter who could bring in their equipment? As the psalm is read, encourage people to imagine themselves shielded from evil. What would that look like for them? (SELF imaging)</p>

Text: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3 I am grateful to God--whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did--when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. 8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. 13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 **Guard the good treasure** entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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EYE	Karl Jacobson has a great story about how a fellow student approached him for help because he knew he was Christian and would likely help him.	Vs 14 - guarding the good treasure entrusted to you Images of: Teachers with students House sitting Pet sitting A money manager (hello Luke 16) Guards or security officers	Vs 14 - bring in a large ornate box and act very protective of it. Make certain that people know it holds something very important. As you get to the final verses of the passage, you could open it up and pull out your own study Bible or a cross that has meaning for you. Or whatever you see regularly that helps you remember why you do this.

Text: Luke 17:5-10

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

6 The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

7 "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? 8 Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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EYE	<p>We often think of faith as something that is really big and shining, but our lived experience is that faith is tiny - sometimes so small we wonder if it even exists.</p> <p>Jesus uses something small to tell us that even a wee amount can do remarkable things.</p> <p>On the other hand, being told that something small will become large can lead to magical thinking. Is this what the disciples' request was?</p>	<p>Vs. 5-6 → Jack and the Beanstalk to illustrate "magical thinking"</p> <p>Jesus: a seed hold the potential for a tree (when it is planted and is allowed to grow).</p> <p><u>Faith</u> (pistis) is also trust and confidence. Borrowing heavily from PEOPLE and SELF smart, think about a time when you met the person who is your best friend or your spouse. What small thing allowed you to trust and build confidence in your relationship? Is there an object you can bring in to show people?</p>	<p>← got a Hogswart wand?</p> <p>← Bring in small things</p>