

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

WORD Smart

"Linguistic - using words effectively. These learners have highly developed auditory skills and often think in words. They like reading, playing word games, making up poetry or stories. They can be taught by encouraging them to say and see words, read books together. Tools include computers, games, multimedia, books, tape recorders, and lecture."

[*The Distance Learning Technology Resource Guide, by Carla Lane*](#)

In worship, especially liturgical worship, WORD Smart is already heavily in use in printed prayers and responsive readings, to say nothing of listening to someone talk for most of an hour. Try to find ways to let the worshiper form the words and language of worship. Encourage storytelling, creative writing, and liturgical writing and speaking, right there in the pews. Reading instructive passages or doing word puzzles can also engage the WORD Smart worshiper.

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
WORD		Collect some quotes from well-known writers and poets lamenting the violence inherent in our	The prophet names a variety of keywords for this lament: violence, trouble, destruction,

		<p>society. (This should be sadly easy to find.) See if people can identify the author by the quote. Make it a matching exercise for a SFX.</p>	<p>strife, etc.</p> <p>Invite people to list three words they would include in their complaint to the Lord.</p> <p>Then imagine what word or words the Lord would use to reply.</p> <p>Ask people to say one of their complaint words out loud, and then ask them to say one of the reply words out loud. Maybe all at the same time, so they won't be embarrassed.</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.

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
WORD			Create a word search puzzle using words (and maybe some supporting concepts) from the psalm. Have negative words like <i>fret</i> , <i>envy</i> , <i>wither</i> , <i>evil devices</i> , and <i>wrath</i> running down the columns, while positive words like <i>trust</i> , <i>delight</i> , <i>commit</i> , <i>justice</i> , <i>vindication</i> , <i>be still</i> , and <i>inherit</i> run the rows across.

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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WORD		Vss. 5ff – Garrison Keilor told a story on <i>A Prairie Home Companion</i> called “The Royal Family” about a family who fell on hard times. One day they started to get letters telling them that they were descended from Scottish royalty and were next in the line of succession when the throne was restored. The children especially began to have hope and courage and pride in themselves, imagining how they would live as	Invite your folks to write and/or tell a story of faith from their family, or from their “faith family” if that is more appropriate.

		<p>princes and princesses. [The story ends tragically, so you can decide if you want to go there or not.] It demonstrates the power of stories about our ancestors to affect our outlook on life, as Paul reminds Timothy here.</p> <p>You can find this story in the collection News from Lake Wobegon: Fall.</p>	
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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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WORD			<p>Have people make an acrostic on:</p> <p>I N C R E A S E</p> <p>O U R</p> <p>F A I T H</p> <p>Or maybe just FAITH. EITHER: The words across would be things in your life that distract you from faith or that cause fear instead of faith. OR: The words across would be things in your life that point you toward</p>

			God and your faith. Something like that.
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