

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Texts: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c • Psalm 111 • 2 Timothy 2:8-15 • Luke 17:11-19

MATH Smart - D2

Logical-Mathematical Intelligence

Strengths: Analyzing problems and mathematical operations

People who are strong in logical-mathematical intelligence are good at reasoning, recognizing patterns, and logically analyzing problems. These individuals tend to think conceptually about numbers, relationships, and patterns.⁴

Characteristics

Characteristics of logical-mathematical intelligence include:

- Excellent [problem-solving skills](#)
- Enjoys thinking about abstract ideas
- Likes conducting scientific experiments
- Good at solving complex computations

Potential Career Choices

If you're strong in logical-mathematical intelligence, good career choices for you are:

- Scientist
- Mathematician
- Computer programmer
- Engineer
- Accountant

From [Kendra Cherry at VeryWellMind.com](#)

In church, logical-mathematical folk might serve on your operations and finance team. In worship, logical arguments in the sermon will get their attention.

Text: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. 2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

4 So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. 5 And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. 6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy."

7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." 8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. 13 But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

15 Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; *please accept a present from your servant.*" 16 But he said, "*As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!*" He urged him to accept, but he refused. 17 Then Naaman said, "*If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.*"

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
MATH		Nerdiness of the week:	

		<p>There is a lot of emoting going on in this passage. The king of Israel freaks out at the letter he receives. Naaman rage quits his chance for a cure. (Okay, not many people, but intense reactions.)</p> <p>As a nerd, this put me in mind of <i>Star Trek</i> (TOS). The king of Israel would be Dr. McCoy, in reverse. "I'm a king, not a doctor!" Naaman might be Capt. Kirk. Kirk is not known for rage or rage quits, but he was often passionately frustrated by the constraints of orders from Star Fleet.</p> <p>Naaman's servants (v. 13) would be Mr. Spock (short summary; very long summary) bringing the voice of logic to the table.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>We have often mentioned a fortiori arguments, both the "lesser to greater" type and the "greater to lesser" type. The servants here in verse 13 employ the latter. So give your folks some examples, like those in the linked articles.</p>	
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Text: Psalm 111

1 Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

3 Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

4 He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

5 He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

8 They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

9 He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

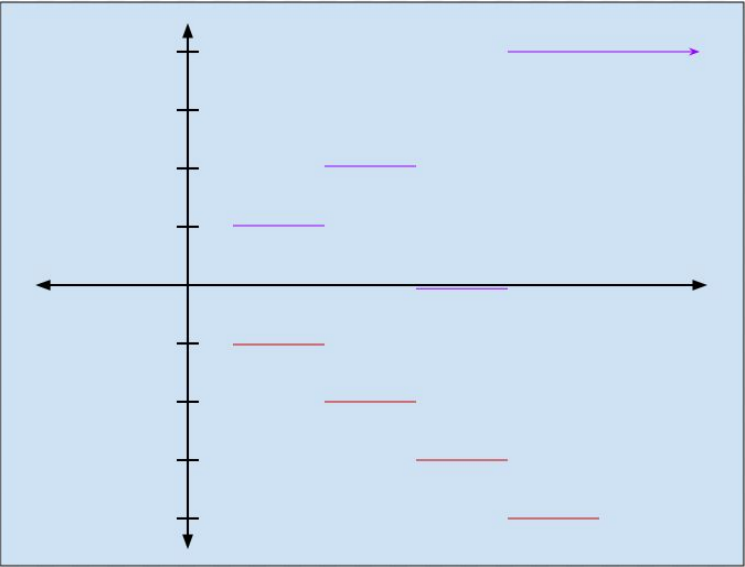
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MATH		(vs. 10 - Spock quote: Logic is the beginning of wisdom, ... not its end.)	Sometimes a psalm like this kind of bounces off as a pile of words. How would you graph it as a function of praise? • Maybe just as arbitrary, discrete points, like a bar graph . Vs. 2 is worth 3 points, vs. 3 is worth 5, vs. 4 is 1, and so on. • Maybe as a step function , where each line increases the value of praise. • Maybe as a pie chart , where each phrase represents some percentage of the whole.

Text: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, 9 for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. 11 The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; 12 if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; 13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

14 Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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MATH	Vss 11-13 – if-then statements;		You could maybe graph vs. 11-13 as a step function (see Psalm above), where the “if” clause is a negative integer and the “then” clause (implied) is the corresponding positive value. The exception is 12b, where the negative “we deny him” is not countered by a positive value. Perhaps “he will also deny us” would graph at 0. <i>See example below.</i>



Text: Luke 17:11-19

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18 Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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MATH		<p>The tithe....?</p> <p>Reverse Decimation: Decimation was a form of Roman military discipline in which every tenth man in a group was executed by his cohorts. Wikipedia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>Come up with a list of statistics around 1/10 to compare to the return rate of healed lepers, and whether or not it would be a good thing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you got 1/10 response to direct mail that would be awesome, as the usual rate is 1/100 • Remember that 2/10 of dentists wouldn't recommend Trident for their patients who chew gum • We often buy a thing because the store offers a 10% discount • If you are a 	

		<p>baseball player hitting 1/10, you're probably going to get benched, traded, or fired.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are a pitcher that allows 1 run in every 10 innings, you'll probably win the Cy Young Award.• Paying 1/10 of your income in taxes might be good (unless you don't pay any now)• Giving 1/10 of your income to the church is at once considered the minimum expected and a benchmark of generosity	
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