

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: COrdinary29x2019

Texts: Genesis 32:22-31 • Psalm 121 • 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 • Luke 18:1-8

## NATURE Smart - D2

“Expertise in the recognition and classification of the numerous species—the flora and fauna—of an individual's environment. This also includes sensitivity to other natural phenomena (e.g., cloud formations and mountains) and, in the case of those growing up in an urban environment, the capacity to discriminate among inanimate objects such as cars, sneakers, and smartphones.”

*Multiple Intelligences in the Classroom, 4th Edition* by Thomas Armstrong

[Chapter 1. The Foundations of MI Theory](#)

Text: Genesis 32:22-31

*Jacob Wrestles at Peniel*

22 The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. 23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. 24 Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." 27 So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28 Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans,[c] and have prevailed." 29 Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

30 So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." 31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
NATURE		Animals wrestling? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Mongoose vs. Cobra</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Mongoose vs. Black Mamba</a></li><li>• Wolverine vs. honey badger (haven't found actual footage, just</li></ul>	

		<p>wishful speculation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Walrus tusk wrestling</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Two koalas</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Kangaroo boxing</a></li><li>• <a href="#">10 animal fights</a></li></ul>	
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**Text: Psalm 121**

*Assurance of God's Protection*

*A Song of Ascents.*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—

from where will my help come?

2 My help comes from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.

4 He who keeps Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

6 The sun shall not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

8 The Lord will keep

your going out and your coming in

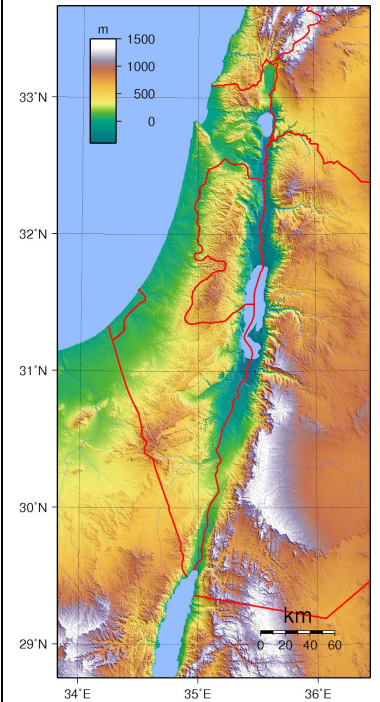
from this time on and forevermore.

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<b>NATURE</b>		Our native geography can have a significant impact on how we think about this passage. I grew up among the rolling hills of western Pennsylvania. Wherever I turned my eyes I was looking at hills, so that I wasn't even particularly aware of them, except if I had to walk up N. Main St. Hill or McKean Street. My wife grew up outside Denver, CO. She used the mountains to the west as a way of getting her bearings. When she moved out east, she lost	Show <a href="#">this</a> or a similar geographic map of Israel. Perhaps compare it with a similar map of your own location.

her sense of direction.

What do hills mean to you? Are they just part of the landscape or are they markers? How does that affect how you hear the first verses of this psalm? Is help from the Lord present all around you, or a thing you have look for a ways off?

(Since this is a Psalm of Ascents, that is of pilgrimage to Jerusalem, we surmise that the author is heading to Mt. Zion and the temple of the Lord, and perhaps presumably from [the lowlands of the coastal plains.](#))



**Text: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

14 But as for you, continue in **what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it**, 15 and how from childhood **you have known the sacred writings** that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 **All scripture is inspired** by God and is useful **for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training** in righteousness, 17 so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

**4** **In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus**, who is **to judge the living and the dead**, and **in view of his appearing** and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2 **proclaim the message; be persistent** whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; **convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience** in teaching. 3 For the time is coming when **people will not put up with sound doctrine**, but **having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires**, 4 and will **turn away** from **listening to the truth** and **wander away** to myths. 5 As for you, always **be sober, endure suffering**, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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<b>NATURE</b>		<a href="#">Here's a list</a> of 10 resilient and persistent creatures on earth, including ants, cockroaches, camels, rats, bedbugs, tardigrades. Many of the animals on this list can survive extreme conditions and carry on doing their thing. That's just what Paul wanted Timothy to do.	← Bring in some pictures, video, or plushies of some of these critters to show off when you talk about them.

**Text: Luke 18:1-8**

*The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge*

18 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' 4 For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? 8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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<b>NATURE</b>		<a href="#">A squirrel working on a walnut</a> ; and <a href="#">another longer one</a> (and <a href="#">the time-lapse version</a> ) Cn. a squirrel with a peanut - nothin' to it!  <a href="#">A woodpecker banging on a tree</a> ; and <a href="#">another</a>  <a href="#">A beaver gnawing a tree</a> (Beavers can fell an 8" tree in five minutes, according to one article I saw, but this vid shows one taking on something a bit more challenging.)	