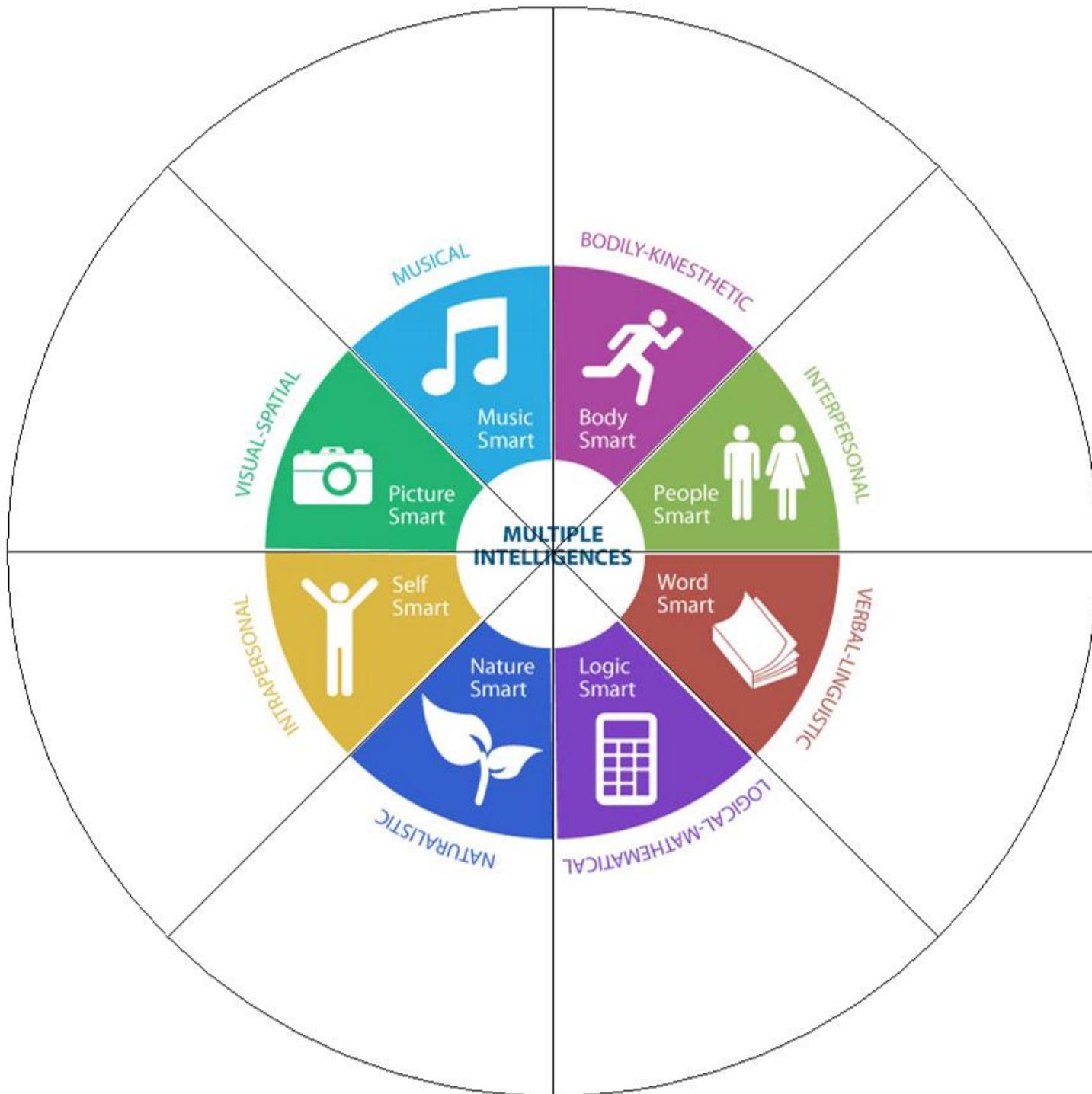


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MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES DEFINED

Howard Gardner of Harvard has identified eight distinct intelligences. This theory has emerged from recent cognitive research and "documents the extent to which students possess different kinds of minds and therefore learn, remember, perform, and understand in different ways," according to Gardner (1991). According to this theory, "we are all able to know the world through language, logical-mathematical analysis, spatial representation, musical thinking, the use of the body to solve problems or to make things, an understanding of other individuals, an understanding of ourselves, and an understanding of nature."



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Bible Study:

Examine each of the below passages for examples of engagement of the eight intelligences.

ISAIAH 6:1-8 (NRSVUE)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said,

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵ And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

REVELATION 4 (NRSVUE)

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.”

² At once I was in the spirit,^[a] and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³ And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶ and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and back: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

“Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.”

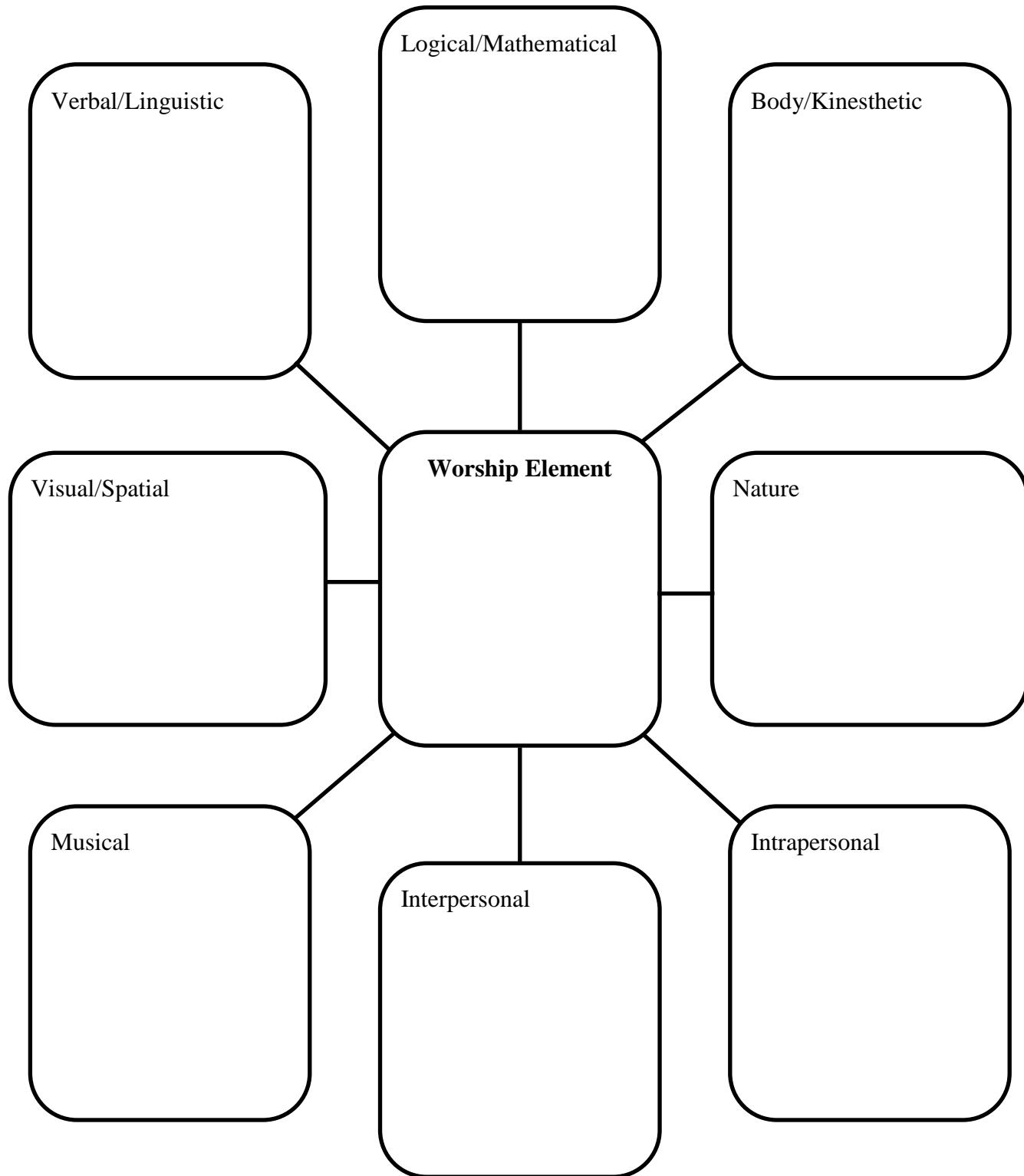
⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

“¹¹ You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”

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MULTIPLE INTELLIGENCES AND WORSHIP ELEMENTS

- Call to Worship
- Scripture Reading
- Children's Sermon
- Sermon
- Prayers of the People (or any prayer)
- Offering/Offertory



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People who are highly:	THINK	LOVE	NEED	ENGAGING MI IN WORSHIP
Verbal-Linguistic	in words	reading, writing, telling stories, playing word games	books, tapes, writing tools, paper, diaries, dialogue, discussion, debate, stories	Responsive reading, reading scripture (following along include page number), listen to sermon, stories, [traditional service]
Logical-Mathematical	by reasoning	experimenting, questioning, figuring out logical puzzles, calculating	materials to experiment with, science materials, manipulatives, trips to the planetarium and science museums	(Sunday school), Sermon to think critically about a certain issue/topic, Ask Question like: How did the Red Sea part? And offer two different schools of thought on an issue.
Spatial-Mechanical	in images and pictures	designing, drawing, visualizing, doodling	art, LEGOS, video, movies, slides, imagination games, mazes, puzzles, illustrated books, trips to art museums	Movie clips, design/drawing during worship, what's on the other side of that?, arrangement of the room, banners, colors, light/dark,
Bodily-Kinesthetic	through bodily sensations	dancing, running, jumping, building, touching, gesturing	role play, drama, movement, things to build, sports and physical games, tactile experiences, hands-on learning	Dancing, drama, role play, body prayer, congregational act out story, participatory story, sign language
Musical	via rhythms and melodies	singing, whistling, humming, tapping feet and hands, listening	sing-along time, trips to concerts, music playing at home and school, musical instruments	Concerts, clap, rhythm, sing hymns, music video, "if you're happy and you know it..."
Interpersonal	by bouncing ideas off other people	leading, organizing, relating, manipulating, mediating, partying	friends, groups games, social gatherings, community events, clubs, mentors/apprenticeships	Greet one another, sharing Bible/hymnal/materials, Prayer concerns
Intrapersonal	in relation to their needs, feelings and goals	setting goals, meditating, dreaming, planning, reflecting	secret places, time alone, self-paced projects, choices	Praying, quiet time for reflection, silent confession, silence after sermon,
Naturalist	through nature and natural forms	playing with pets, gardening, investigating nature, raising animals, caring for planet earth	access to nature, opportunities for interacting with animals, tools for investigating nature (e.g., magnifying glass, binoculars)	Worship outdoors, decorating w/ flowers, other plants, connect to nature in sermon, care for earth, Psalm 104, creation hymns

Multiple Intelligences information based on information from *Multiple Intelligences in the Classroom* by Thomas Armstrong 2nd Edition
 *Engaging MI in Worship ideas based on research and work by Rev. Chris Denny

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OUTLINE: Graffiti Sheets

Welcome/Introductions

Worship More Fully Engaged

- Working definition of Worship: individual and community encountering God in the Risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit
- Multiple Intelligences (MI) theory defined
- Anticipatory set – get ready to learn...
 - Create a mood/set the tone
 - Prepare the mind/heart/soul to be open and hear/see/experience the Word of God with new eyes/ears/awareness

MI & Bible Passages related to worship

Examine each passage for examples of engagement of the eight intelligences

- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Revelation 4

MI & Worship Elements – Create

- Small groups take Worship Elements and explore ways to present using MI

MI & Worship Elements – Share and connect

- Share your small group's work.
- What are some ways you can imagine using this in worship?

Other possibilities

- Stoles
- Weaving during worship
- Liturgical Dance or Movement
- Worship Outdoors: engageworship.org/store/product/outdoor-worship-book
- Visuals & film in Worship wingclips.com theworkofthepeople.com
- Adorn the Chancel pinterest.com/revjoelle/pentecost-ideas-for-worship-and-celebration/

Planning & Organization

- Who?
 - Worship Committee – Task Force
 - Preacher
 - Musician
 - Invitation to the Arts community – artists near you (evangelism!?, outreach!?)
 - Children/Youth leadership
- Plan ahead!!!!
 - Partner with preacher
 - Planning Grid: Scripture, Sermon topic/title, special notes, hymn ideas, visual art
 - Time line, due dates
 - Cost? Budget?
 - Copyright?
- Take pictures for use in publications, advertising, marketing