

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: CChr2x2016

Text: Jeremiah 31:7-14 (NRSV)

For thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,

and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,

“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

8 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,

and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame,

those with child and those in labor, together;

a great company, they shall return here.

9 With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,

in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my firstborn.

10 Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,

and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,

and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

11 For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,

and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

12 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,

and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,

over the grain, the wine, and the oil,

and over the young of the flock and the herd;

their life shall become like a watered garden,

and they shall never languish again.

13 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,

and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

14 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,

and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

says the Lord.

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial	With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;	the returning people are like refugees - they are returning home but do not really know that home. They are weeping for those who are not with them on this journey, for what has been lost	put together a collage/ slideshow of refugees as you speak of the hardships people face moving from one place to another.
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic	gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together;	these examples of the “gathered” are hindrances to movement. These are usually the ones left behind - this is a measure of God’s mercy that these people are specifically named and welcomed back	ask for volunteers to come forward and tell them you will have a foot race down the aisle of the sanctuary. You will be pairing off in teams. One (or more) teams - all of whom must hold hands for this race - will be unhindered. You will be part of a team but when the signal is given to run, you will limp or complain of an ailment that hinders quick movement and not move as quickly as the others. Process the experience with your volunteers; ask what it was like to be the “free” runners and what it was like to be tethered to the “drag”. Talk about how God looks to bring all the people back home <i>especially</i> those that hold others back.
Musical	Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion	Changing key from minor to major “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” to <i>Vox Dilecti</i> http://www.hymnary.org/media/fetch/147281	Dvorak’s “New World Symphony, 2nd movement, often called “Going Home” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOX15agZ3-0

<p>Natural</p>	<p>“He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”</p> <p>their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.</p>	<p>breeds of sheep with a strong flocking instinct would likely be less vulnerable to predators than those that scatter</p> <p>but what does it mean that God is the one who scattered them?</p>	
<p>People - Interpersonal</p>			
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>	<p><i>(see body above)</i></p> <p>I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.</p>	<p><i>(see body above)</i></p> <p>there are emotional and spiritual elements to physical limitations - healing a body is a partnership forged with the heart and the soul</p>	<p>recall a time when a limb was in a cast or you needed to curtail usual mobility - how did you deal with that emotionally? spiritually?</p>