

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: 1 Kings 19: 1-4 (5-7) 8-15a

19 Ahab **told** Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a **messenger** to Elijah, saying, “**So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.**” 3 **Then he was afraid**; he got up and fled for his life, and **came to Beer-sheba**, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

4 But he himself went **a day’s journey into the wilderness**, and came and sat down under a solitary **broom** tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, **take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.**” 5 *Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “**Get up and eat.**”* 6 He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 *The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “**Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.**”* 8 He got up, and ate and drank; then he **went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights** to Horeb the mount of God. 9 At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the **word** of the Lord came to him, saying, “**What are you doing here, Elijah?**” 10 He answered, “**I have been very zealous for the Lord**, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

11 [God] **said**, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a **great wind**, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an **earthquake**, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a **fire**, but the Lord was not in the fire; and **after the fire** a sound of sheer silence.

13 When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came **a voice** to him that said, “**What are you doing here, Elijah?**” 14 He answered, “**I have been very zealous for the Lord**, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” 15 Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.”

Eye - I

Body - I/S

People - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			Langston Hughes' "Mother to Son"
Eye - Visual/Spatial		<p>Spatial translation: from Mt. Carmel in the north of Israel, south through Be'er Sheva in the Negev, to the end of the Sinai peninsula to Mt. Horeb/Sinai. So mountain-valley-hills-desert-mountain (see also Nature)</p> <p>Washington DC to Asheville, NC; Atlanta to Daytona Beach; NOLA to College Station, TX; El Paso, TX to Durango, CO; Palm Springs to San Jose, CA; the width of Wyoming; Brussels to Munich; Aberdeen to Oxford; Sao Paulo to Catalão; Melbourne to Victor Harbor; Nairobi to Kakuma, Kenya</p>	
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic	<p>Strength of that food</p> <p>40 days and nights</p>	<p>Physical effects of eating - not just the nutrients from the food but the renewed blood circulation that revives the body.</p> <p>Long walk from Jezreel valley to Beer-Sheebah and THEN on to Mt. Horeb/Sinai - brutal on the body</p>	<p>Any long distance runners who carb load before a race? Kinda the same thing....</p> <p>Anyone done a pilgrimage? Appalachian Trail or Camino? What sort of training was needed to build up endurance? What types of food/supplies did they take along?</p>
Musical		After the Fire	
Natural	<p>Broom tree</p> <p>Broom tree</p>	Whirl wind, earthquake, and fire = metaphor	

		Cooler in the shade ?	
People - Interpersonal	<p>So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.</p> <p>Death threats are coercive measures. Jezebel may have meant it (wouldn't be surprised) but the threat worked - she got rid of Elijah, for a while.</p>	An American Journalism Review article about a Russian journalist covering the KGB (note: the article is from 1995)	
Self - Intrapersonal	<p>take away my life - PTSD? Extreme exhaustion? Overblown sense of his accomplishment?</p> <p>What are you doing here? x2</p>	Was Elijah out of touch? Was he depressed or despairing because of the death threat, or his having killed 450 people, or both? This is not a situation that many of us can identify with (I hope)!	