

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus Heals the Gerasene Demoniac

26 Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”— 29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

30 Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. 31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Body - I/S, People - S, Self - I

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Proclaiming how much Jesus had done for him	I remember recovering from the flu when a child	

	i.e., being healed.	and “helping” my mother in the kitchen. She commented on how chatty I was which we both understood meant that I was back to good health.	
Eye - Visual/Spatial	Man possessed saw Jesus and fell before him. Swineherds saw their herd go over the cliff and ran to tell what they had seen. People came to see, saw, and were terrified.	Every time someone saw something in this story, they felt, did, or told something. Think of a time when you saw something you could not NOT tell someone else about.	
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic		Ironic that he could break iron shackles because he was bound by demons; then with a word Jesus breaks the hold of the demons! WebMD has information about the physical effects of untreated depression. Not to say this man was depressed, but the mind and body are connected. This man’s body was as altered as his spirit. Adrenaline? Body-mind disconnect?	For this special effect, find a volunteer to hold a five pound weight (or more) in each hand for 15 minutes. After time is up, “release” that person from the extra weight. Ask them how they feel, not just physically, but mentally.
Musical			
Natural			Imagine the scene: on the lakeside, some breeze blowing off the water, sky clearing after a storm. Sitting on the side of the hill. Herd of pigs grazing on the hill. Pleasant afternoon. Is that a boat coming in?
People - Interpersonal			The central emotion

			<p>running between the characters here is fear! People are afraid of the demoniac. The demons are afraid of Jesus. The swineherds are afraid of what happened (maybe?). The people are afraid of the healed demoniac! and of Jesus. But Jesus is cool in the midst of it all.</p> <p>Lots of people in our community (nation, world) are afraid - of “others”, of guns, of not having guns, of terrorists, of not having enough, of all sorts of things.</p> <p>Talk with each other about what happens when people are afraid. How do they behave, individually and as groups? How does that compare with God’s intention? Is there anything about Jesus that might help overcome fear and its attendant behaviors?</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>		<p>How do you behave when you are afraid? Do you ever push God away when you are afraid? What helps get past the fear? Does God’s recurring message in scripture, “Don’t be afraid!” make any difference for you?</p>	