

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: C Ordinary 18x2016

Text: Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. 2 **The more I called them, the more they went from me**; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. 3 **Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.** 4 **I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.** 5 They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. 6 The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. 7 My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

8 **How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.** 9 I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. 10 They shall go after the Lord, who **roars like a lion**; **when he roars, his children shall come** trembling from the west. 11 They shall come trembling **like birds from Egypt**, and like **doves from the land of Assyria**; and I will return them to their homes, says the Lord.

PEI - MWD: People D2: People

Word - I, Eye - I, Body - I/S, Music - I, Nature - S, People - I/S, Self - I

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic		V. 10 - Aslan from the Chronicles of Narnia (Aslan created Narnia by singing and roaring, it says.)	
Eye - Visual/Spatial	Ba'al = immediate god; right there in front of you represented in the fruits of agriculture and the wealth of the land	Do we look only at nature as God's gift? Do we consider only our families as God's blessing? Good, but the truth is that everything is from God including the ugly stuff. (See also Luke 12 passage!)	

Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic		<p>Remember picking up a child - or being picked up as a child.</p> <p>Remember hugging a loved one.</p>	Interpretive movement could work for this passage
Musical		<p>V. 8 Michael Bolton - How Am I Supposed To Live Without You - YouTube Sorry.</p> <p>Any other torch songs would also be acceptable.</p> <p>I'll see Michael Bolton and raise you Leann Rimes - How Do I Live - YouTube</p>	
Natural			Lions roaring (audio mostly)
People - Interpersonal		<p>Family dysfunction: distancing; see also <i>Generation to Generation</i> by EH Friedman, pp. 41-42. Also: Distancer and Pursuer</p> <p>2B+B: Parenting and occasionally having to growl and roar for the good of your children</p> <p>This is the father in Luke 15.</p>	This passage needs an actor to deliver it, not just read it. The depth of feeling expressed here is like a Shakespearean soliloquy! It should be approached in the same way. Let 'er rip!
Self - Intrapersonal	<i>All the change comes from God. The dark side of God is absorbed within God. This shift in God is not a formula that can be worked by humanity, not a doctrine</i>	<p>Illustration: cleaning the house and then seeing all the junk under the cabinets when the sun shines in.</p>	sf: get a powerful flashlight and a box. Have people guess what might be in the box by the clues provided (size of the box, shape of the box, weight of the box, what sounds it

	<p><i>to quote at the right point in a game of theological chess. [...] Grace is a possibility because God is not limited by the limits of mortals. Because God is not limited, God can create an alternate future.</i></p> <p>Texts in Context The Dark Side of God: Considerations for Preaching and Teaching Richard Nysse</p>		<p>makes when rattled, etc.) Maybe provide some clues as to the object's character or use. then, shine the light into the box so everyone can see what's inside! (God's mercy and compassion are car keys?!? Who knew.....)</p> <p>The love, mercy, and compassion demonstrated in the passage is the opposite of the hard-heartedness that is rampant in our world.</p> <p>Consider your own heart. Is it tender toward those who have hurt you? Or is it hard and brittle? Is there a name you could put in place of Ephraim/Israel? Can you pour out your heart for that one as the Lord does for Ephraim?</p>
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