

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then Jesus **came from Galilee** to John at **the Jordan**, **to be baptized by him**. 14 **John would have prevented him**, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for **it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness**.” Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus had been baptized, **just as he came up from the water**, suddenly **the heavens were opened to him** and **he saw** the Spirit of God **descending like a dove** and alighting on him. 17 And **a voice from heaven said**, “**This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.**”

Primary Expressed Intelligence - {MWD} People? {D2} Nature

Eye - I, Math - S, Body - S, Nature - I/S, People - I, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial		Vs. 16 - “the heavens opened to him” What would that be like? Walking through the door from the narthex into a cathedral? Coming out the end of a long, dark tunnel into the sunlight?	
Math - Logical/Mathematical	Why Did Jesus Get Baptized?		Per the article over <<there, Jesus is baptized not for repentance but to identify with the “faithful remnant” called by God to renounce the old, corrupt order of things and embrace the path of living in righteousness. Jesus throwing his lot in with these remnant tips the scales, starting a movement that has

			<p>changed the world. A weak SFX of the tipping point - Don't Spill the Beans game</p>
Body - Kinesthetic			<p>Invite people to come to the baptismal font to touch the water (maybe put a few drops of bleach in it if you are worried about germs)</p>
Musical			
Natural	<p>In the Jordan River</p> <p>Dove - the vehicle through which the Spirit works in Scripture but not necessarily the lovely white ones; could be the common “rats with wings” that populate cities and wharves.</p> <p>Warren Carter at Working Preacher</p>	<p>The river where God’s people entered the Promised Land and became a nation.</p> <p>Water as a vital element in life and in creation. Baptism is a symbolic new creation where one aligns oneself with God. (also Body)</p>	<p>What other geographic locations identify a people as a people?</p> <p>Mesa Verde The Scottish Highlands The Congo, The Amazon, the Bayou</p>
People - Interpersonal	<p>In Matthew’s description of John’s ministry earlier in 3:7, John calls the Pharisees and Sadducees “illegitimate children of snakes” and refers to “children of Abraham” in 3:9.</p> <p>Here, Jesus is called God’s Son, the Beloved. I’m inclined to wonder, in light of modern infant baptism in particular, if naming has always an important part of baptism, including John’s.</p>	<p>Vs. 17 - opposite of Gordon Ramsay (Warning: language, rudeness)</p>	
Self - Intrapersonal		<p>Vs. 17 - Who is <i>your</i> beloved with whom you are well pleased? Is the way you think of</p>	<p>As Christians, we say we put on Christ, or that we model Christ, or that Christ lives in us, etc.</p>

		that person the way you think God thinks of you?	Can you imagine that identification with Jesus at the moment of God's declaration? What would God list as reasons for being well pleased with you?
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