

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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Eye - B, Body - B, Nature - B, People - B

| Smarts | Images in the text/ interesting exegesis | Illustrations | SFX |
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| Word - Verbal/Linguistic | | Vs. 7 - What would Moses call your church because of the people? (See also PEOPLE) | |
| Eye - Visual/Spatial MWD | | Think of all those movies, tv shows, cartoons, and commercials where someone is dragging across the desert with no water in sight. e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome • Kangaroo Jack • Dune • The Mummy • Three Amigos • The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly • Quantum of Solace | Rephidim is an oasis in the Sinai peninsula; far enough away from Egypt to get through to the Hebrews that they are not going back. Where is the "point of no return" for you geographically? How far do you need to travel from your home to know you will be gone for a while? Work doesn't count. Have a map of your local |

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| | | Crossing the Desert Tropes | area out in a common space. Provide pins or markers where people can point to the place on the map how far is “not going home” far. |
| Math - Logical/Mathematical | | | |
| Body - Kinesthetic D2 | → This illustration is pulled right off the <i>Exodus 17 worksheet for Lent 3A</i> , but it can never be used enough, especially with the water shortages in Houston, Florida, Mexico, much of the Caribbean, and Puerto Rico - all places hit hard by hurricanes and earthquakes in the past month. | If you have ever been dehydrated , you have experienced the beginning stages of water deprivation. Not a pleasant thing.... | Have you had a chance to participate in any clean water initiatives, yet? There is always need and now is always the best opportunity. |
| Musical | | | |
| Natural D2 | → SFX is also from Lent 3A the John 4 worksheet | Maybe getting water out of a rock isn't so surprising. Here is an article and podcast from Science Friday that suggests the earth's mantle holds water, just not as we expect. | Encourage your members to contribute to a pure water ministry, like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Water Project • Charity Water • Living Waters for the World • Water.org |
| People - Interpersonal MWD | The people quarrelled with Moses - legal language, as if bringing a suit against him. This suggests they do not trust him. | You bring lawsuits against someone you cannot trust to do the right thing. Why would they trust him? He was a prince of Egypt; he was over them for a time and then when he was called out for murder, he fled. Here is a fugitive, saying he speaks for the God of their ancestors, working some truly remarkable wonders but now leading them out of what was | We have distance and perspective on the Exodus story, from start to finish. We *know* the Hebrews can trust Moses but they don't know that. Discuss this scenario: If you were a refugee or exile from your home, how easy would it be to trust the person leading your group? What would it take for you to develop trust? If you were responsible for |

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| | | <p>known into nothing.</p> <p>Why would they trust him?</p> | <p>a group of people and their basic needs (food, shelter, water, security), what you need to have happen so that they would trust you?</p> <p>See Word illustration Vs. 7 - What would Moses call your church because of the people?</p> |
| Self - Intrapersonal | | | See Eye sfx |