

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: BAdv2x2017

Text: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2 **As it is written** in the prophet Isaiah,

“**See**, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

3 **the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:**

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

4 John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, **proclaiming** a baptism of **repentance** for the **forgiveness of sins**. 5 And people from **the whole Judean countryside** and all the people of Jerusalem were **going out to him**, and were **baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins**. 6 Now John was **clothed with camel’s hair**, with a leather belt **around his waist**, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7 **He proclaimed**, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; **I am not worthy to stoop down** and untie the thong of his sandals. 8 **I have baptized you with water**; but **he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.**”

Word - B, Eye - B, Body - B, Nature - S

| Smarts | Images in the text/ interesting exegesis | Illustrations | SFX |
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| <p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>MWD</p> | <p>As per Jill Duffield’s column - “Punctuation Matters”</p> <p>How the directive to cry out in the wilderness makes a difference...</p> <p>“So what if the directive is go to the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord or in the wilderness to cry out that the time has arrived to prepare the way of the Lord? Either way (sorry) the</p> | <p>Eats, shoots & leaves. Let’s eat Grandma! Christmas Love getting mixed up into Christ was Love (someone turned the M into a W)</p> <p>CHRISTMASLOVE CHRISTWASLOVE</p> <p>“Mark makes clear that John is in the wilderness and people from all over are “going out to him.” Apparently, his cries are heeded. He may be in the wilderness, but people are somehow hearing him. People from the</p> | <p>Begin this reading at the back of the sanctuary and cry out Prepare the Way!</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Get some people to come from different points in the sanctuary calling out Prepare the Way! Also PEOPLE, EYE</p> <p>At some point ask where people are called to go and raise their voices to point to Jesus’ coming - or presence already with them.</p> |

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| | wilderness plays a role, seemingly the place where the Lord makes his appearance.” | whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem, in fact. They aren't only hearing, they are responding, confessing their sins and being baptized. John, it seems, is making a way in the wilderness, the wilderness of their lives, in order to for Jesus to find a way to their hearts.” | |
| Eye - Visual/Spatial D2 | | Rob Myallis , Lectionary Greek “Where do we find God? In the wilderness, on the edge, in a stinky socially unacceptable man. Jesus will keep showing up in the wrong places in the Gospel of Mark (and all the Gospels). Jesus will keep showing up in our lives in the wrong places too.” | All the Judean countryside must have been a lot of people!! Like this Or this World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro. WOW |
| Math - Logical/Mathematical | | | |
| Body - Kinesthetic MWD | Baptism = getting clean | Vs. 6 - How clothing description can help character development, here . Six modes plus examples. See also WORD | Hand out wet wipes to worshippers. Portland Rescue Mission has a link for toiletory kits that give to homeless people on streets. (NOTE: the most important thing to give is your encouragement and acknowledgement of that person's humanity.) |
| Musical | | Godspell!! | Vs. 7 - Here are some songs about shoe shine boys , historically a job of humble repute. [n.b. - In 20th c. |

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| | | | <p>America, the job frequently fell to young African American boys, youth, or men, so that some hear systemic racism in the songs. Even so, these are offered in connection with John's humility about undoing the sandals of Messiah, a humility worth pondering in light of said racism.]</p> <p>Eddie Kendricks "Shoeshine Boy" Louis Armstrong "Shoe Shine Boy" Red Foley "Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy"</p> |
| Natural D2 | The wilderness is a modern day escape - "getting away from it all." | | <p>Make use of your baptismal font, pouring water in, visibly and audibly. How would you pour Holy Spirit in there? Maybe like this! Pour smoke into it!</p> |
| People - Interpersonal | | <p>John Dominic Crossan (paraphrased) there's a political edge to people being called out across Jordan to JB, & then, after baptism, having to re-enter the Promised Land & reconquer it for God. This time with changed hearts, rather than swords.</p> | <p>The sudden start of the Gospel mirrors the abrupt end.</p> <p>"But the rough ending of Mark is not really about whether they got the message or not, or what they did or did not do. It's about those of us who get the message, and who can now continue, if not quite finish, the unfinished gospel. Suddenly the story is in our hands." ~John Stendahl, The Christian Century</p> <p>Discuss this quote and decide how the Gospel is</p> |

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| Self - Intrapersonal | | | |