

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: BBaptismx2018

Text: Mark 1:4-11

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."

9 In those days Jesus **came from Nazareth of Galilee** and **was baptized** by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as **he was coming up out of the water**, **he saw** **the heavens torn apart** and the Spirit descending **like a dove** on him. 11 And **a voice came from heaven**, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

See worksheet for [BAdv2x2017](#), [CBaptx2016](#), [ABaptx2017](#)

Body - B, Music - I, Nature - B, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Isaiah 64:1 Isaiah 42:1 Psalm 2:7 John "appeared" Mark Davis uses "arrived" which suggests that 1) there's been a period of waiting that is now over, and 2) something is going to happen.	V. 10 - Edna St. Vincent Millay quote: "The soul can split the sky in two and let the face of God shine through." "Late in Dante's <i>Purgatorio</i> , the second part of The Divine Comedy, Dante stands in the Earthly Paradise and is told to wash in two streams found there. The first is Lethe, river of forgetfulness, which pre-Christian ancients said flowed through Hades. But Dante presents Lethe as that part of our journey to God where even the memories	V. 11 - Use your "parental" voice to call yourself by first, middle, and last name. We all know what that means! "Beloved" and "pleased" are not the first things that come to mind. Now imagine the Voice from Heaven calling you! (see also PEOPLE, SELF)

		<p>of our sin and shame are cleaned away. Dante is then led to Eunoe, a river unknown to the ancients, whose waters strengthen the memories of all the good in one's life. Human good itself requires a certain healing.” (Source at Self smart sfx)</p>	
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p>	<p>The significance of the Jordan River in Israel's history</p> <p>what contemporary locations have this type of symbolic power?</p> <p>what cultural characters are associated with PLACE and could pass on a story/identity?</p>	<p>How do you describe what the “heavens torn apart” might look like? (See also NATURE)</p> <p>Jesus of the Breadlines Reference to Jesus being in line to share our experiences...</p> <p>=> The heavens torn apart is a violent image. Why?</p> <p>to grab attention - you react when you hear the screech of tires and the slam of metal crunching [Kool-Aid Man breaking through a brick wall?]</p> <p>to mirror the violence of our lives - the tenor of Roman occupied Judea and the tenor of our world that is riddled by gunfire</p> <p>to reveal the power of God's peace - that even violence is subject to it and that it ultimately is powerless before it</p>	<p>V. 10 - What would this look like? Perhaps like the Bajoran Wormhole on <i>Star Trek: Deep Space 9</i>?</p> <p>Jan Richardson painting “Blessing the Baptism”</p> <p>Replay from CBapx2016 - paper airplane dove (shortcut to video)</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p>		<p>In Jesus there is a meeting of the God sphere and the human sphere.</p> <p>Venn Diagram!!</p>	

<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>D2</p>		<p>Describe going for a dip in a river, creek, lake, or pool on a hot day. How does the water feel? What about the temperature - refreshing? Bracing? Chilling? Shocking? Do you take the plunge or go bit by bit? How is it to finally be under the water? What's the experience of coming up out of the water like?</p>	<p>Bring a super soaker, a bar of soap, a bottle of shampoo, maybe a back scrubber, big towel, shower cap, bath toys, etc. Talk about what you need to take a bath.</p>
<p>Musical</p> <p>MWD</p>		<p>Jan Richardson poem "Beginning with Beloved: A Blessing"</p> <p>Christ's Own Forever Poem by Barrie Bates</p> <p>One of hymn writer John Ylvisaker's hymns states, "You can't kill me, I've already died."</p> <p>Poem For The Sunday Lectionary (Baptism Of Jesus, Yr. B) And the Heavens Were Opened</p>	
<p>Natural</p> <p>D2</p>		<p>V. 10 - What is the most interesting celestial phenomenon you have seen? Like these? Describe it the best you can. You might find it as difficult to give an adequate description as Mark does. (see also WORD)</p>	<p>If you participated in the Great North American Solar Eclipse of 2017, show some pictures of how the heavens changed. (WOW)</p>
<p>People - Interpersonal</p>		<p>Being baptized in the Spirit means one will be opened to a different reality or at least an awareness that the "powers" ain't gonna like</p>	

		<p>you messing with the status quo. Being baptized in Jesus' name means you are bolstered enough to go up against that displeasure.</p>	
<p>Self - Intrapersonal MWD</p>			<p>This quote from Assumed and Healed by Brian Volck at the Ekklesia Project:</p> <p>“Jesus stands before John to expose and assume all our hidden darkness and heal it – not only our sin but every single guilt gem – whether betrayal, excess, deception, or violence – we carry in memory’s pockets and retrieve at times to start another round of self-flagellation. He frees us from the hopeless project of trying to claim a better past.”</p> <p>Imagine yourself standing next to Jesus in the water, looking up at what he’s seeing and hearing what he’s hearing. As your “guilt gems” are washed downstream, imagine what he does and says - to you.</p>