

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, **the Lord appeared** to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; **walk before me**, and **be blameless**. 2 And **I will make my covenant between me and you**, and **will make you exceedingly numerous**.” 3 Then **Abram fell on his face**; and God said to him,

4 “**As for me**, this is my covenant with you: **You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations**. 5 **No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations**. 6 I will make you **exceedingly fruitful**; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

7 **I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you** throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

8 And I will give to you, and to your offspring after you, the land where you are now an alien, all the land of Canaan, for a perpetual holding; and I will be their God.” 9 God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. 12 Throughout your generations every male among you shall be circumcised when he is eight days old, including the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring. 13 Both the slave born in your house and the one bought with your money must be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. 14 Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

15 God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, **you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name**. 16 I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

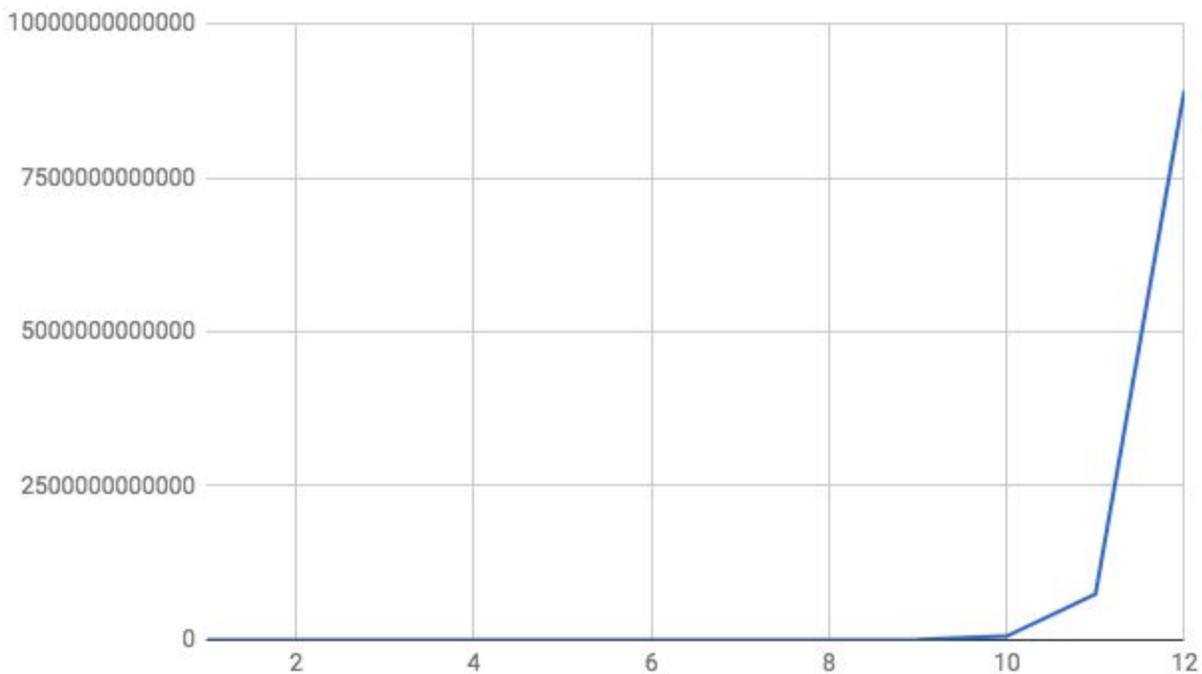
Eye - B, Math - B, Body - B, Nature - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Vss. 5 & 15 Name calling!	What we are called matters especially as we live together as a society. Name calling is a propaganda technique .	Demonstrate the weight of words' meaning by using this list of nine words: 1. Terrorist 2. Guerilla

		<p>“The propagandist who uses this technique hopes that the audience will reject the person or the idea on the basis of the negative symbol, instead of looking at the available evidence.”</p> <p>Also, a nickname is a type of name calling which while “considered desirable, symbolising a form of acceptance, [...] can sometimes be a form of ridicule.”</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Insurgent 4. Militant 5. Soldier 6. Rebel 7. Freedom Fighter 8. Activist 9. Protestor <p>Depending on which “side” you find yourself, the words have the capacity to encapsulate another in <i>your</i> worldview, negating any valid criticism of practices and attitudes of your own. No wonder we can’t hear each other. (see also SELF and PEOPLE)</p>
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p> <p>MWD</p>		<p>This story has a bit of a ceremonial ship launching: declaring the name and purpose, and sending on its way. Describe this with visual imagery -- the ship with important personages around the prow, swinging the champagne bottle, CRASH!, the ship sliding off into the water. But there is also some SELF smart with the sense of name and destiny.</p>	<p>⇐ Video of ship christening</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>D2</p>		<p>If each succeeding generation has 12 offspring, then:</p> <p>Gen1=12 Gen2=144 Gen3=1,728 Gen4=20,736 Gen5=248,832 Gen6=2,985,984 Total=3,257,436</p>	<p>See the chart and graph below and reproduce.</p>
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>This passage is the tail end of the Jewish Torah portion called lekh lekha which means “walk for</p>	<p>The name change from Abram to Abraham seems to suggest the end of a journey and the beginning</p>	<p>If you have a child in your congregation who is learning to walk and you have spoken with Parent,</p>

	<p>yourself”. The portion begins with God telling Abram to “go forth”. (This reading includes “walk before me.” Does that count?)</p>	<p>of a new one.</p> <p>I’m reminded of watching a baby become a toddler: first there is the scooting, then the crawling, then rising to stand while holding onto objects, then the step of faith into walking. After that, it’s all over and the baby is gone.</p>	<p>bring the child up and talk about how Abram’s life up to this point in the story has been like this child exploring a new way of getting around. Once the baby learns to toddle, the world is open to all manner of exploration!</p> <p>OR</p> <p>If someone has recently had surgery or broken a leg and is on crutches, you could ask them about what it feels like to walk with them. If they are undergoing physical therapy, what is the difficult part about it? Are they eager to walk again? Are they learning new things about how their bodies move through space and what is needed to do so?</p>
Musical			
Natural D2		<p>Abraham and Sarah’s progeny can be likened to cosmological inflation after the big bang. The universe came into being, then (for reasons still not well understood, at least by me) in a fraction of a second it expanded exponentially. A&S are childless for most of their lives, but God promises many nations’ worth of descendants for them!</p>	
People - Interpersonal	<p>Vs. 3 - Abram fell on his face. He does the same thing in verse 17 (not included here) and laughs. Is he laughing in verse three? At any rate, the word for laughter is</p>	<p>There are layers of response and reaction in this story that are missing from a straight reading of only these verses.</p> <p>Even though their son’s</p>	<p>Looking at the list in WORD smart sfx, break into groups and discuss how using these names about other people acts as a brake (or a wall) to understanding another’s</p>

	the same word given to their son when he is born, Isaac.	name - and their son for that matter - is not included in this passage, his presence hovers in the wings, ready to make the entrance in later chapters. Best and Worst Company Name Changes	point of view. Discuss how using God's name for us - "child of God" - both erects and demolishes barriers. When do we use our name to exclude? When does our name open us up to repenting of ways we see others?
Self - Intrapersonal			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As you go about your life this week, keep the list of names in WORD smart at hand and notice when you drop people into a category without thought. Ask yourself why you do that and then try to call them the name God gives us: "child of God". • Use the baptismal font and water to remind people of their baptisms, in which they assume their new identity in Christ.



Generation	Gen(n) progeny	Total progeny
1	12	12
2	144	156
3	1,728	1,884
4	20,736	22,620
5	248,832	271,452
6	2,985,984	3,257,436
7	35,831,808	39,089,244
8	429,981,696	469,070,940
9	5,159,780,352	5,628,851,292
10	61,917,364,224	67,546,215,516
11	743,008,370,688	810,554,586,204
12	8,916,100,448,256	9,726,655,034,460