

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Mark 1:9-15

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.”

12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Word - B, Body - I, Nature - I, People - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic D2	Jesus has no family where he is (the wilderness on the other side of the Jordan) -- but in Baptism, God calls Jesus his beloved son, and Jesus hears God say, “with you I am well pleased.”	This is a three-scene play: 1. Naming 2. Training 3. Proclaiming There’s your 3-point sermon right there.	If your congregation practices passing the peace or some other time of corporate greeting, encourage them to say to one another, “Peace be with you. God is pleased with you”. Also PEOPLE The Blessing John Trent & Gary Smalley
Eye - Visual/Spatial	Jesus left home - not something 1st C. people did.	Jesus travels from his home to where his cousin is in order to be baptized and then is thrown out into the wilderness for a month and a half. It’s a bit like going to see family who live elsewhere and then being kept from returning for a while.	Map showing Galilee, Jordan, wilderness

Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic MWD		Vs. 15 – The time being fulfilled is similar to the phraseology for labor and childbirth (see Luke 2:6). The inauguration of the reign of God here mirrors Mary’s experience in Luke - the Spirit rests on the bearer; there are journeys with allies and unknown agents; followed by the fulfillment and delivery.	
Musical			
Natural D2	Jesus moves from a river (abundance) with a Spirit-dove (peace?) to a wilderness (deprivation) with Satan and wild beasts (confrontation) before declaring the coming of the kingdom.	V. 13 - Jesus and the Wild Animals as messianic inauguration of the peaceable kingdom of God Also from the same article, “Jesus may have encountered such animals as bears, leopards, wolves, cobras and desert vipers, scorpions, hyenas, jackals, desert foxes, wild boars, wild asses, and antelopes.”	
People - Interpersonal MWD		Vs. 13 - what waiting is like? Vs. 12-13 – Back in the day, it wasn’t unusual for college fraternity initiations to include an unscheduled road trip, wherein the active brothers would take a pledge out into the wilds far from campus without much more than <i>maybe</i> a dime for a phone booth and leave them to make their way back. Why anyone thought this was a good idea or a sign of brotherly support and affection is entirely	

		unclear. Nevertheless, stories of such trials abound, often including encounters fraught with peril and/or temptation, and often also unexpected assistance. Perhaps it was modeled on Jesus' wilderness experience.	
Self - Intrapersonal			Jesus lived out his identity as the "beloved". As God's children, how do you live in <i>your</i> identity as loved by God?