

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: BLent5x2018


Text: Hebrews 5:5-10

5 So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a **high priest**, but was **appointed by the one** who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; 6 as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, **according to the order of Melchizedek.**”

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus **offered up prayers and supplications**, with **loud cries and tears**, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his **reverent submission**. 8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience **through what he suffered**; 9 and having been made perfect, he became **the source of eternal salvation** for all who obey him, 10 having been designated by God **a high priest** according to the order of Melchizedek.

Word - B, Math - B, Body - B, Music - I, Self - B

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
<p>Word - Verbal/Linguistic</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Vs 7 → actions of a priest</p> <p>“If one reads to the end of this highly sophisticated rhetorical document, Hebrews’ ironic use of the cultic language of “priest” and “sacrifice” becomes apparent. Such terms are simply emptied of their common-sense “religious” meanings; they are “deconstructed.””</p> <p>~Erik Heen, WP</p>	<p><u>Obedience</u> = Latin word <i>ob-audire</i> or listen well. (<i>Commentary on this passage from Taize.</i>)</p> <p>← An illustration of words being deconstructed: We once played a version of <u>Match Game</u> with some folks at David’s last congregation. We got to the end and were supposed to match the phrase “Holy ____”. One person called out, “I can’t say that in church!” and we got “holy smoke”, “holy cow”, “holy Toledo”, “holy maroley” - but NOT “Holy Spirit/Ghost” which we were expecting. Words have meaning in specific contexts and really stick with you!</p>	<p>The names in the passage reinforce the idea of Jesus’ role.</p> <p><i>Christ</i> - anointed <i>Jesus</i> - from Joshua God is salvation <i>Melchizedek</i> - righteous king/messenger (Genesis 14:18-20 - also King of Salem, which means peace)</p>

		<p>Jesus as High Priest is an example of foreshadowing. You can see examples at the link.</p> <p>Allusions to Psalm 2:7 (vs 5) and Psalm 110:4 (vs 6)</p>	
<p>Eye - Visual/Spatial</p>		<p>The high priest is the only person allowed into the Presence in the Holy of Holies, so this individual would need to be someone very special - glorious, even! (WARNING: some adult themes and gestures are in this video.) (Also MUSIC)</p>	<p>A wide selection of images of the high priest. A few of them explain the garments.</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical</p> <p>D2</p>		<p>Beginning in 4:14 and running through this passage on into chapter 7, Hebrews uses a compare and contrast strategy between Jesus and Melchizedek. This is a common teaching tool designed to develop critical thinking.</p>	<p>← See also this MUSICAL offering. Or this EYE offering.</p>
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p> <p>MWD</p>	<p>Vs 8 - through what he suffered</p> <p>This is where Jesus acted as priest or 'bridge maker'</p>	<p>Jesus actively entered into the suffering; he did not walk away from it, he did not simply passively endure it. An illustration would be a person training for a marathon or any type of athlete enduring the punishment to the body in order to become proficient. Or soldiers training for battle. Or a woman going through childbirth.</p>	<p>To emphasize the bridge-building role of the high priest (see SELF below) try something like this human bridge game or this one. Or try something with this:</p>  <p>Found here.</p>

<p>Musical</p> <p>D2</p>		<p>“Men go to God when they are sore bestead, Pray to him for succour, for his peace, for bread, For mercy for them sick, sinning, or dead: All men do so, Christian and unbelieving.</p> <p>Men go to God when he is sore bestead, Find him poor and scorned, without shelter or bread, Whelmed under weight of the wicked, the weak, the dead; Christians stand by God in his hour of grieving.</p> <p>God goes to every man when sore bestead, Feeds body and spirit with his bread; For Christians, pagans alike he hangs dead, And both alike forgiving.” ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, quoted at Preacher Rhetorica</p>	
<p>Natural</p>			
<p>People - Interpersonal</p>	<p>“The old high priesthood had some value: it used human beings who therefore had the capacity to be sensitive and sympathetic to those they represented. They were not self-appointed despots.” ~ Bill Loader</p> <p>Vs 9 - <i>the source of eternal salvation</i> “God wanted to maintain the original integrity of all that he made and so he could not just look at the</p>	<p>The Prayers of the People, the Christian Resource Institute</p> <p>The Prayers of the People, the Book of Common Prayer online</p> <p>The Prayers of the People, The Presbyterian Mission Agency, PC(USA)</p> <p>“The suffering that afflicts this world had to be met head on and on its own terms. It had to be absorbed by the One being who would not be consumed by it. History’s</p>	<p>Encourage your congregation to help pray the prayers; either offer intercessions before the prayers or pray for others during the prayer. Some people are really shy about public speaking, much less praying out loud, so if this is going to be too stressful, break up into groups and pray within smaller groups after writing down intercessions together. Have one person lead the prayer for the group.</p> <p>Consider: for whom you</p>

	<p>wreckage of a fallen world and decide to lay down a whole new layer of brand new blacktop to start over. You could not just pave over the wreckage. The pieces had to come back together in ways that would still honor the original intention for the whole thing. And that's hard. Whatever else sin and evil may be, never underestimate how perilous they are, how difficult it is to extract life back out of a creation that keeps choosing death.” ~ Scott Hoezee, Center for Excellence in Preaching</p>	<p>endless cycle of retaliation and vengeance had to be snapped and it could only be snapped by Someone's absorbing all of that evil and having the enormous strength to NOT hit back and so perpetuate the sick cycle. More than that, the One who effected this salvation needed to show all the other creatures that he was not above it all, that his was a very knowing, empathetic salvation.” ← Hoezee, again</p>	<p>would be willing to intercede to the point of physical suffering and death?</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal MWD</p>	<p>“What doesn't kill you makes you stronger. ... It is not the suffering that develops our piety; it is the discipline of doing the work. We are called into relationship, through communication -- after all, this is what prayer is -- and as a result we move closer to the source of our eternal salvation. Prayer is the iron for that bridge that connects us to God.” ~ Jennifer Kaalund, WP</p>	<p>We don't have a high priest [priest <i>pontifex</i>, means 'bridge maker] anymore - the Pope comes close - but that particular role disappeared with the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70. A more likely role for our culture in particular is an agent; a person who represents you and your interests. Jesus is our lawyer or advocate or guardian or spokesperson before God. See also LOGIC, PEOPLE</p>	<p>We have long associations of Jesus as a baby, a shepherd, a carpenter, and a teacher, but not as much as a high priest, especially if we are Protestant. This passage is explicit that Jesus is designated by God as the one who enters the Holy of Holies on behalf of the people. We think of Jesus' intervention on our behalf happening on the cross and in the tomb. Spend time reflecting on Jesus entering the place where God is and praying for you.</p> <p>← taking the iron in the bridge metaphor - what is strong about the bridge that Jesus has built for you to connect with God? What is rusty and needs a bit of repair?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MATH EYE connection: build a

			<p>model bridge with your choice of building material: popsicle sticks, toothpicks, straws, building blocks (wood, LEGOs, K'nex, etc.) Erector set, etc. You could have most of it built beforehand but don't finish it until preaching. You might use a cross to complete the span?</p>
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