

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The Ascension of Jesus

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Eye - B, Math - I, Music - S, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Verse 11 - a well timed question! Are the two guys in verse 10 the same two guys in Luke 24:4?	⊖ Recurring characters - help move storyline along when the main characters are otherwise engaged.	
Eye - Visual/Spatial D2	"It may well be that this cloud was no ordinary cloud, but rather a manifestation of the Shekinah glory, even as it took place in the transfiguration." ~ Bob Deffinbaugh , Bible dot org		⊖ Still have your fog machine from the Transfiguration? Use it again! Neo ascension Neo ascension reloaded

	<p>[also, the cloud that descended on Sinai?] I like the connection to the previous event; it seems to make the story come full circle!</p>	<p>The event in this passage - the ascension - is like a hinge. There was a before, Jesus among us, and an after, Jesus ascended and disciples taking up the work. ⇒</p>	<p>How fast did Jesus ascend? Maybe like a balloon? Or a balloon</p> <p>Bring two posters out, one labeled “Luke” and the other “Acts”. Attach some manner of hinge between them with the label “ascension” on it. Ta DAH! A visual representation of the narrative arc! (see also WORD)</p>
<p>Math - Logical/Mathematical MWD</p>	<p>“The disciples did not, they could not, remove their experience of the risen Christ from their own socio - cultural - political contexts. They expected that a risen Christ would indeed bring about change in those contexts. Have we gone so far the other direction that we chide the disciples for having too ‘earthly’ a vision that we can’t see that we often lack their sense of ‘real-world’ application?” ~ Coleman Baker, WP</p>	<p>We sometimes hear people complain that they do not need to know algebra; all they need is simple mathematics. Folks frequently miss the “real world” application.</p> <p>Offer some ways that more “complex” math is often used in everyday life such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Converting recipes ● Determining a percentage of money (interest, tips, etc.) ● Determining how long a trip will take based on mileage ● Figuring the area of a circle or of a triangle <p>Of course, this suggests that people will actually DO these calculations and not just whip out a phone with an app (see SELF below) - but even if they do THAT, they have to know what formula to use to get a solution to “x”.</p>	<p>⇐ Do some of this math!</p>
<p>Body - Kinesthetic</p>		<p>Imagine watching your favorite basketball player.</p>	<p>How high can you jump? How long can you stay</p>

		He goes up for jump shot, lets go of the ball, and then he just keeps going up.	there?
Musical D2			Some musical options from The African American Lectionary (the emphasis in this worship service is world mission) As you read the passage, read each verse or phrase monotonously on progressively higher tones (half steps), until the last verse, when you slide back down.
Natural			
People - Interpersonal	<p>The apostles must be turned from a longing for consummation and for fulfillment of their needs to the need and plan of Christ's intended mission and their place in it. ~Wayne Weissenbuehler, <i>Interpretation</i>, 1992</p> <p>“They ask if “now” is the time to restore the kingdom to Israel. Luke’s Gospel, particularly the joyous outbursts by Mary, Zechariah, and Simeon in the first two chapters, makes clear that what happens in Jesus will truly be the fulfillment of God’s promises to Israel. But perhaps “restore” indicates a hope that is too small. What God has in mind is not just bringing Israel back to the “good ole’ days,” but bringing</p>		<p>The two following statements come from this article with grammatical amendments for clarification:</p> <p>“[The disciples] still anticipated a literal Messianic kingdom patterned after kingships of the Old Testament.”</p> <p>DISCUSS: What fulfillment do we long for? Is this the fulfillment of our desires or is the the fulfillment of God’s promise?</p> <p>“Jesus shifts the emphasis from speculation about the future to demonstration and transformation of the present.”</p> <p>DISCUSS: How do we discern what is our own speculation and what is transformation? What transformation have</p>

	<p>Israel to its yet-unrealized goal of being light to the whole world. The disciples may have thought they were on the verge of inheriting an old-style kingdom, when in fact they are at the edge of God's mission to redeem all nations, a mission that will consume the rest of their lives (and ours).” ~ Brian Peterson, WP</p>		<p>we witnessed? Been part of?</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal MWD</p>	<p>Vs 7 - “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority....”</p>		<p>“In our current American culture, “waiting” is generally held as something to be avoided. Fast food, next day deliveries, nonstop flights, Google searches that take milliseconds, on-demand movies, text messaging, and so on all create a culture of impatience. Not that these are all bad, but Acts reminds us that the God of all time acts on God's own time, and sometimes we just need to wait, sit, and be.” ~ Frank Crouch, WP</p> <p>The next time you pull up to the drive thru or go to order something online or message someone or call up a show on Netflix - consider the times that God has set. Maybe use that time to pray for someone you know is struggling or for a problem that has been weighing on you.</p>