

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: CBaptismx2016

Text: Acts 8:14-17

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic	<p>laying on hands</p> <p>receiving the Holy Spirit</p>	<p>re-affirmation of the baptismal covenant</p> <p><i>spirit = breath</i></p> <p>contagious, you “get it” from God, from others</p> <p>The spirit is highly contagious - <i>Buechner</i></p> <p><i>spiritus = breath</i> what you have when you are alive - <i>Buechner</i></p>	<p>sprinkle water?</p> <p>Hand out squirt guns and have a water fight?</p> <p>Have congregation come forward and receive sign of the cross? with oil?</p> <p>Hold hands for the benediction? Lay hands on each other’s shoulders?</p> <p>Give everyone a straw and pass a Kleenex along the rows?</p>

Musical			
Natural	received the Holy Spirit	<p>baptism as a kind of spiritual stream -</p> <p><u>William Loader:</u> Rather, when it occurs with families and small children, baptism really is celebrating that these children are being placed in the stream (the community) in which the Spirit flows and that this happens and will continue to happen, as they participate in that stream. Our understanding of the formative influence of communities on young human life help us make very good sense these days of what baptism of infants is celebrating.</p>	<p>images of flowing water -</p> <p>Or the EAC (Eastern Australian Current) in <i>Finding Nemo</i></p>
People - Interpersonal	vs. 14 ... when the apostles... heard...	<p>sectarian strife? Nazareth re-visited? Parable of the Good Samaritan in real life? Helping out a neighbor?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • imagine two rival communities getting together to pray: Tech/UVA, Wash. Redskins/Dallas Cowboys, Rush Limbaugh/Hillary Clinton <p>This information is the catalyst for action</p>	<p>find a time in the service when worshippers can turn to one another and pray for each other. You may already do this, but try it with these verses in mind. Peter and James immediately went to Samaria and prayed</p>

		<p>- second step in Jesus' Great Commission - go make disciples in Jerusalem, Samaria.....</p> <p>Karoline Lewis: The necessity to send the apostles to scope out the event of the Samaritan baptism was not for the sake of legitimizing or authorizing the efficacy of Philip's act, but for the sake of the apostles' belief that God can indeed work outside of the bounds, boundaries, and limits that we so desperately want to place on God.</p>	
Self - Intrapersonal	prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit	Peter and James do what is necessary on behalf of the Samaritans - seemingly without hesitation. I bet they remembered the parable Jesus told and the encounter he had with Samaritans in his ministry	think of a time when you did something for someone without even hesitating - no thought to circumstances or the person(s) involved, but just because the Spirit moved you to do it.