

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: CLent1x2016

Text: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall **take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground**, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “**Today I declare** to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.” 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, 5 you shall **make this response** before the Lord your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6 When **the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us**, by imposing hard labor on us, 7 we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, **a land flowing with milk and honey**. 10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.” You shall set it down before the Lord your God and **bow down** before the Lord your God. 11 Then **you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate** with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Today I declare... ...make this response	In this passage, there is a liturgical formula for bringing, giving, and receiving offerings. For this first Sunday in Lent, follow this outline for bringing offerings to worship.	<i>see the liturgy for offering in the resources</i>
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic	Today I declare... ...make this response  bow down		As the congregation brings the offering and goes through the liturgy, encourage them to reflect on how actually getting out of their seats and being more active in the offering is different than

			the usual.
Musical			
Natural	flowing with milk and honey	<p>The phrase "flowing with milk and honey" is understood to be hyperbolically descriptive of the land's richness.</p> <p>Honey is nectar from flowering plants - which "flow" when growing conditions are optimal. Milk also "flows" when cattle are well fed.</p> <p>The image = abundance and joy, celebration of God's provident care</p> <p>Is it maybe also fat (milk) and sweet (honey), two of the three target tastes of food industry?</p> <p>&gt;&gt; Americans would be in trouble now if we were brought to a land flowing with milk and honey, as we are lactose intolerant and have type 2 diabetes!</p>	
People - Interpersonal	the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us	<p>Most 21st century North American Christians do not experience the affliction and degradation of slavery at this time in our history, but we once perpetuated it. We have known schism, we may have congregations whose history spanned the US Civil War and its ravages, we may have congregations born out of segregation and abolition. February is Black History Month; how might we</p>	<p>Invite people to talk with each other about what the affliction of one group of people at the hands of another is like, from full blown genocide down to "microaggressions." Consider together how God might want to bring freedom and healing to such a situation.</p> <p>(Be aware that some may have a trigger here, an ax to grind or a wound that needs healing. Encourage empathetic listening and offer some pastoral time</p>

		<p>acknowledge the error of the past without glossing it over? How might we offer to “others”* a hand of companionship as we move together into God’s future?</p> <p>The theme for Black History Month 2016 is “Hallowed Ground: Sites of African American Memories”</p> <p>*“Others” can be people of another race or those with whom we disagree.</p>	<p>to any who may want or need it.)</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>	<p>Today I declare... ...make this response</p>		<p>As the congregation brings the offering and goes through the liturgy, encourage them to reflect on how actually getting out of their seats and being more active in the offering is different than the usual.</p>