

# More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: CLent4x2016

Text: Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

10 While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. 11 On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. 12 The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

## Word (I/S) Eye (S) Nature (I) People (I/S) Self (I/S)

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Gilgal	<p>The OT has many stories where places or people are given names that signify an act of God</p> <p>Here, Gilgal = rolling (galal which can also be translated “take away”)</p> <p>Bethel =house of God where Jacob saw angels descending and ascending a ladder as his grandfather’s promise is repeated to him</p> <p>Naomi re-names herself Mara = bitter after the death of her husband and sons</p>	<p>Include some Hebrew names either</p> <p>as an insert in your bulletin ( a word cloud, maybe?) or</p> <p>projected on your screen (which also works as eye smart)</p> <p>emphasize how identifying places or people by God’s actions was a way of anchoring the story for pre-literate people. It’s not too shabby for us today who are becoming a post-literate people</p>
Eye - Visual/Spatial			<p>Consult with a local rabbi or Jewish friend to learn about the passover. Ask if they might help you assemble a seder plate and place setting that you could show and talk about during the worship service. Or invite the rabbi</p>

			to come talk about it as your guest specialist for the day.
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic		Where do you feel disgrace in your body? What does it feel like? Is it hot or cold? Is it painful or numb? Is it “out there” or “in here”?	<i>see self smart below</i>
Musical			
Natural	the manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land	<p>this passage takes great pains to point out that the manna stopped coming when the people began finding ways to feed themselves off the land God had led them to and promised their ancestors</p> <p>(there are implications for social welfare in this!)</p> <p>how much land would it take to feed thousands of people in that era? How much land does it take to feed our modern population?</p> <p>Urban and some rural areas are “food deserts” -</p>	
People - Interpersonal	kept the passover	<p>The passover was only 40 years old at this time - practically BRAND NEW in our perspective!</p> <p>what traditions do we keep that are ancient? (Lord’s supper, baptism, confession, etc) and what traditions are relatively new to us?</p> <p>What difference does the age of a tradition make</p>	<p>Encourage your congregation to discuss the questions over there ←-----</p> <p>and these:</p> <p>Observing traditions can have a major emotional load - we remember beloved people who are no longer with us, we honor a time that was sacred to our identity as a people,</p>

		<p>for how well we keep it? Is it more likely to have great meaning if it is from “days of old” or if we can point to a more recent reason for doing something?</p> <p>How many traditions does your congregation observe that have no real clear point of origin or reason for observation?</p>	<p>etc.</p> <p>Where is God in those traditions that are sacrosanct? Is God or what God has done the reason for the observance? If not, is the observance necessary?</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>	<p>rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt</p>	<p>commentary suggests that the circumcision in the previous verses was a way that Joshua prepared the Hebrews to enter the land after 40 years of wilderness living.</p> <p>here, circumcision is a symbolic act by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1) removing the “old” life and mindset of slavery and</li> <li>• 2) taking onto the body a permanent identification as God’s person</li> </ul> <p>(how does circumcision as a seal of covenant work for women who don’t have the same equipment? is there an equivalent? )</p>	<p><i>Ask these questions:</i></p> <p>How has your relationship with God been sealed?</p> <p>What “disgrace*” has been rolled away from you?</p> <p>What are you being prepared for?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• entering a promised land?</li> <li>• leaving an old way of living?</li> </ul> <p>*other definitions of the Hebrew word <i>cherpah</i> contempt (1), disgrace (5), reproach (60), reproaches (2), scorn (3), shame (1), taunting (1)</p> <p><a href="http://biblehub.com/hebrew/2781.htm">http://biblehub.com/hebrew/2781.htm</a></p>