More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5

10 And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

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22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

The River of Life

1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word - I, Eye - I/S, Math - I, Body - I, Music - I, Nature - I,

People - I/Sfx, Self - I/Sfx

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	forever and ever = "to the ages of the ages"	Leaves = *phulla*, derived from *phule* = tribe or clan *Xylon* - tree, wood, cross *Zoës* - life (spiritual) *Karpon* - fruit	

Eye - Visual/Spatial	no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. [also verse 5]	Often took the dog for walks late in the evening after dark. Some nights we needed a flashlight, but on nights when the moon was near full, we needed nothing. Here, in the New Jerusalem, we will need neither moon, nor sun, nor flashlight, nor lamp.	*Set up a small obstacle course in the sanctuary. Invite a volunteer to do a trust walk through it wearing a blindfold with you to guide. Then have another volunteer do it but without the blindfold. This will be the sort of difference between this world and the next.
Math - Logical/Mathematical	V. 25	(This sounds like claims made in a campy local commercial! “Money back if not completely satisfied, but we have 100% customer satisfaction!”) Only close the gates when the sun goes down. *But there is no sun!* Nevertheless. Sign on a Sheetz door: “Hours of Operation - Open 24 hours, 7 days” I thought: “Hours of Operation - All of them!” y = x^2 + x + 24 End program if y = 10	
Body - Kinesthetic		The “name” is the character of God written into the consciousness of the people. The Bible doesn't just use the term "forehead" to describe what is physically foremost inside the head, but what is consciously foremost inside the head (perhaps the frontal lobes, specifically the prefrontal	See Eye* See People*

		cortex of the brain!), or much more like the term "heart and mind" is used today. - also MacLaren	
Musical		*"O Holy City, Seen of John"* *"O Lord, You Gave Your Servant John"* *"'Sleepers, Wake!' A Voice Astounds Us*, vs. 3	
Natural	bright as crystal leaves… healing 12 fruits Tree of life open by day, there is no night	Water that is unclouded with sediment or other organic matter allows light to penetrate further. The water in this new city is pure and clean. This was important in the cultic worship of God - being clean and being fresh, without impurity. GEEKY GOODNESS: In LOTR, Athelas or kingsfoil is a plant used by Aragorn to heal wounds inflicted by the morgul blades of Black Riders. The 12 fruits are from trees rooted in the river of life flowing from the throne. Fruit in every season = evocative of bounty and harvest - always harvest time (festival!), never planting time (work!) Jerusalem is a dry place; visions of God's presence often see God bearing life giving water to the city. https://undermidnightsun.files.wordpress.com/2011/01/cropped-	Clear surf river

		the midnight sun by isil metriel-1.jpg	
People - Interpersonal	his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads	The high priest was the official representative of the nation. He stood before God as the embodied and personified Israel. For the purposes of worship Israel was the high priest, and the high priest was Israel. And so, on his forehead, not to distinguish him from the rest of the people, but to include all the people in his consecration, shone a golden plate with the motto, 'Holiness to the Lord.'	In this vision, those who serve, praise; those who praise, serve. They all are continually aware of God's presence and whose they are. Discuss among groups how this vision might be realized. Can it be realized? *Chrism is oil used to anoint at baptisms (and healings) (and coronations of the British Monarch!). Consider using this as a way of reaffirming the baptismal covenant.
Self - Intrapersonal	Jerusalem coming down out of heaven	In the fulness of time, union with God happens when God comes to us - rather than us being whisked into the clouds. God comes down.	In the coming week, look for ways you see God coming to us. We trust that it happened in the Incarnation and continues in the power of the Spirit. Where do you see it?