

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: C Ordinary 10 x 2016

Text: 1 Kings 17: 8-24

The Widow of Zarephath

8 Then the **word of the Lord** came to [Elijah], saying, 9 “Go now to **Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there**; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”

10 So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “**Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.**” 11 As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” 12 But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”

13 Elijah said to her, “**Do not be afraid**; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. 14 For **thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail** until the day that the Lord **sends rain on the earth.**”

15 **She went and did as Elijah said**, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. 16 The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the **word of the Lord** that he **spoke** by Elijah.

Elijah Revives the Widow's Son

17 After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was **no breath left in him**. 18 She then said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!”

19 But he said to her, “Give me your son.” He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. 20 He cried out to the Lord, “O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?” 21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord, “O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again.”

22 The **Lord listened to the voice of Elijah**; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, “See, your son is alive.” 24 So the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that **the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.**”

Word I/SFX

Math I

Body SFX

Nature I/SFX

People I/SFX

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	<p>The word of the Lord is bringing salvation to this woman and her son.</p> <p>Tsaraph = refine, smelt, test</p> <p>Elijah's words do too, since God listens to him.</p> <p>How does the word of God sustain in dire circumstances?</p>	<p>Stories about prayers being answered when most needed. Esp. in unlikely ways.</p> <p>Hearing the urgings of the spirit and paying attention.</p> <p>Widow in Hebrew: al-mah-wah = widow; al-man = forsaken; al-am = mute</p>	Call to worship as resource
Eye - Visual/Spatial			
Math - Logical/Mathematical	Jar will not be emptied, etc.	The logic of God's economy: If you use it all you will never run out. If you cling to it, you will be in want.	
Body - Kinesthetic	<p>Meal and oil - akin to manna in the wilderness - stop gap</p> <p>No breath left in him - not <i>ruach</i>, but <i>neshehmah</i></p>		<p>Have some barley meal or other flour and some olive oil, and make dough in a bowl.</p> <p>Make some ahead of time, make cakes and cook them. Serve them after worship. Cook them over a charcoal fire if you can.</p> <p>biblical baking</p> <p>Poor Lad's Loaf</p> <p>Inspired by 1Kings17</p> <p>(You can make barley flour by grinding pearled barley. It's best used for unleavened bread, if I'm reading this correctly.)</p>
Musical			
Natural	Sends rain on the earth; drought conditions (vss.	A NASA article that explains the cycle of	Drought conditions Another picture

	1-7)	drought	<p>Do you have a farmer or gardener or horticulturalist that can speak to the effects of drought?</p> <p>Ask: to define it - it's more than just a "dry spell". What can be done to endure or survive it? What breaks the loop?</p>
People - Interpersonal	<p>Bring me - hospitality expectations</p> <p>What if she had refused?</p>	<p>"Hospitality in the ancient world focused on the alien or stranger in need."</p> <p>Some Reader's Digest true life stories of helping strangers.</p>	<p>What is expected when one extends hospitality? To whom is it extended? What good does it do for both the host and the guest? How is hospitality beneficial to a community? Why is it resisted?</p> <p>Try an experiment this week by approaching a stranger and asking for a drink of water. If you receive hospitality, explain that you had heard this story in the Bible, and because the widow extended hospitality, she was greatly blessed in time of need. See if this leads to any interesting conversation. Be sure to bless the person in the name of the Lord, and if you are able, perform some act of service in return for the drink of water.</p>
Self - Intrapersonal	<p>Zerephath of Sidon; the heart of Ba'al worship and Jezebel's hometown</p> <p>Do not be afraid (echoes of angels)</p>		

	The widow did as he said (lets the last seed fall and die so it may sprout to life)		
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