

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

2 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. 3 The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

4 Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. 5 The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

6 Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. 7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” 10 He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” 11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. 12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Elisha Succeeds Elijah

13 He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 14 He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Eye - I/S Body - I Music - I People - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	Keep silent - why the 'tude? Is he grieving,		

	<p>afraid of the future, not going to get into the “drama”?</p> <p>Howard Wallace - Messianic secret a la Mark?</p>		
Eye - Visual/Spatial	Ascended in a whirlwind	Elijah’s long walk revisits some of Israel’s defining places; Gilgal - place where God rolled away their past; Bethel - Jacob’s vision; Jericho - people’s triumph with Joshua led by YHWH; the Jordan - crossing over from wilderness wanderings.	Visualize some of the places your congregation has been in its history. There may be actual “other” places, but also spiritual ones. (see also People)
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic	Another long walk picked up the mantle	<p>A mantle was a long sleeveless garment worn as an outer covering; very much like a blanket. It served as protection and was probably useful for identifying a person.</p> <p>Do you own a coat or sweater that used to belong to someone else? What does it feel like to wear it?</p>	
Musical			<p>Swing Low, Sweet Chariot</p> <p>“Chariots of Fire”</p>
Natural	<p>Mantle - earth’s innards</p> <p>http://nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/mantle/</p>	Inside the mantle, convection is slowly taking place – like in a lava lamp. Hotter material, heated by the core of the Earth rise slowly to the surface of the mantle. Material cools near the crust and then sinks back down to the core, to repeat the process all over again. It’s	

		<p>believed that this convection helps drive the motions of Earth's tectonic plates.</p> <p>http://www.universetoday.com/26717/earths-mantle/</p>	
<p>People - Interpersonal</p>	<p>As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.</p> <p>Elijah is important to Elisha - teacher, mentor, father figure, friend</p> <p>The chariots of Israel and its horsemen - not so much. Israel is mostly a vassal at this time; are these arsenals of war more spiritual in nature?</p>		<p>Break into small groups and tell about the mentors in your lives. What did they do for you? How are you a different person for having them in your life? Thank God for them and if you haven't done so, thank them, if possible.</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>			