

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: C Ordinary 30x2016

Text: Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given **the early rain for your vindication,**
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

24 The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 I will repay you for the years
that **the swarming locust has eaten,**
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

26 You shall **eat in plenty and be satisfied,**
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And **my people shall never again be put to shame.**

27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And **my people shall never again be put to shame.**

God's Spirit Poured Out

28 Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit **on all flesh;**
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall **dream dreams,**
and your young men shall **see visions.**

29 Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

30 I will **show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.**

31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. 32 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Primary Expressed Intelligence - {MWD} Nature {D2} Nature

Eye - sfx, Body - sfx, Music - sfx, Nature - I, People - sfx, Self - sfx

| Smarts | Images in the text/ interesting exegesis | Illustrations | SFX |
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| Word - Verbal/Linguistic | | Is it ironic that in the gospels John T. Baptist comes eating locusts and proclaiming the kingdom? | |
| Eye - Visual/Spatial | | | <p>Rain is poured out - pour water into the baptismal font or some other receptacle. From a sprinkle can into a rain barrel?</p> <p>Holy Spirit is poured out - pour flaming alcohol into the baptismal font. Like THIS! Or THIS!!</p> <p>You might do this with 151 rum or with isopropyl. We recommend not drinking either one.</p> <p>Be very careful. Practice in a fire-safe place before trying it in your church service. Do this SFX at your own risk, and remember we warned you. Keep a fire extinguisher nearby just in case.</p> |
| Math - Logical/Mathematical | | | |
| Body - Kinesthetic | <i>Dennis Olson (WP):</i> a liturgy of fasting and a broken spirit, a confession of sin, a seeking of God's forgiveness, urgent prayers of intercession, and a return to the long | | As this passage is read, encourage your congregation to trace a labyrinth with their finger. (Print and provide) Read at a steady pace and allow for some pauses. Let the reading be like a |

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| | <p>line of God's people who have read and enacted the liturgical movement embedded within the present book of Joel. Tracing its steps is like walking a Lenten labyrinth, cleansing the soul and returning us to remember who we really are and who our God truly is</p> | | <p>walk.</p> <p>ALSO/combine with</p> <p>self/people smart sfx - a sin maze; lead the congregation through a guided meditation where they encounter dead ends, wrong turns, etc, until they finally reach the center</p> |
| <p>Musical</p> | | <p>Hymn: <i>Spirit</i></p> | <p>Make a “rainstorm” SFX using the congregation - first rubbing hands together; then lightly snapping, then faster; then drumming; then stomping feet. Conduct different sections doing different FX at different points. Work up from quiet to loud and back down again. Talk about God’s abundant providence. See also: Body</p> |
| <p>Natural</p> | <p>unemployment, natural disaster, environmental degradation, or gun violence Modern overwhelming locust plague</p> | <p>Locust swarm in Argentina, January 2016 Russia, May 2016 Egypt, March 2013 Locust facts</p> <p>Fire and columns of smoke - volcano?</p> <p>Sun darkened, moon turned to blood - solar and lunar eclipses</p> | |
| <p>People - Interpersonal</p> | <p><i>Rolf Jacobson (WP)</i>: Joel believes that there is connection between worship rituals and genuine repentance - a link between "rending</p> | | <p>in groups, ask what/who are God’s armies? Actual countries (and if so, us and allies or our enemies), locusts as in this passage, wind, etc.</p> |

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| | <p>your heart" and "gathering the people." Where is that link to be found? What is its nature? It is in God's character.</p> | | <p>How does God utilize those armies? For us or against us and why?</p> |
| <p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> | | | <p>If the creation responds only to its creator, what have you created and how does it respond to you?</p> <p>Work, family, home - what have you made? How does it respond? How do YOU respond?</p> |