

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?"

3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

5 The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Math - I, Body - I/S, Nature - I/S, Self - I/S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	<i>Massah</i> = quarrel <i>Meribah</i> = test, question <i>Rephidim</i> = from <i>raphad</i> which means "spread"	These are legal terms; this scene is part of a courtroom drama with God (and Moses, so he perceives) on trial. This area still exists (see Nature) but at this time, there was no water.	
Eye - Visual/Spatial			Some google images and maps of the area
Math - Logical/Mathematical	"At stake is not God's existence, but his presence in the details of their lives." ~ Debie Thomas ,	It seems extreme to bring a population into a barren area in order to get their attention, but this seems to be the	

	Journey with Jesus	intention of the wilderness experience. Plus, one cannot get to Israel from Egypt without doing so. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme marriage proposal 	
Body - Kinesthetic		If you have ever been dehydrated , you have experienced the beginning stages of water deprivation. Not a pleasant thing....	For the next week, every time you drink something, think about the water in your beverage and where it has come from.
Musical			
Natural	The human body will only survive 3 days without water.	chemical spill into the Elk River upstream from Charleston, West Virginia, January 2014 Unsafe water in Flint, MI	See the Nature smart special effect on the John 4 worksheet for some links to clean water projects! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a rock, adding a water balloon near the top, [put plastic under and around it], and strike it with a staff to make the water come out! Yeah, this would be a lot of work. Another way at it
People - Interpersonal	Bread (manna in previous chapter) comes from heaven and water comes from the ground - a bit topsy turvy! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wilderness in Scripture is a place where people discover God - because all other attachments, ideas, traditions, protocols, etc. are burned away and one needs to truly 		When have we made easy assumptions about our common life that proved to be unfounded? Or at least vastly different or easier than what God intended? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times of war? (The war will be done in no time!) • Times of economic uncertainty? (The market is about to turn around!) • Times of social change? (We're about to make

	<p>rely on God’s provision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The people do not know where they are going. They may have assumed that this promised land was right next door or on the other side of the sea - an easy assumption. And didn't Pharaoh say they could go and worship their god in the wilderness - maybe they thought they would be going back to Egypt. Not many if any had ever been beyond the border before. 		<p>America great again!)</p>
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>	<p><i>journeyed</i></p> <p>High on the list of personal stressors are changing jobs and moving. The people have done both.</p>	<p>“They had left their tormentors, but they still lived in the real world of hunger, thirst, and uncertainty. As they entered the desert, food became an issue. Water became an issue. These weren’t inconveniences, but serious threats. The travelers may have sounded angry and outraged, but underneath, they must have been afraid.” ~Patricia Tull, Working Preacher</p> <p>“Following Yahweh in the wilderness, however is not the life of the salon or the drawing room, sipping from fine china. It is a hard-scrabble, risky existence whose practitioners have to</p>	<p>How close have you felt to God when you were in the midst of a move? Or a job change? Other transition?</p> <p>Have you ever been stressed about your food stores? Have you ever been stressed about shelter?</p> <p>When have you ever been so fearful about your circumstances you doubted God’s presence?</p> <p>When have you ever experienced a difficult stretch of following God? When have you needed to drink directly from the rock?</p>

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