

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 2“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”

3 So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” 5 And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Eye - B, Body - S, Nature - B, People - I

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	What form of literature is this? Many scholars land on <i>satire</i> as an answer.	Jonah may have been thinking about Psalm 139 - wherever he goes, God is there - and was attempting to escape anyway.	
Eye - Visual/Spatial D2		<p>This is Round 2 between God and Jonah.</p> <p>Vis saving the Ninevites <i>in spite of Jonah</i> God has hit a straight shot with a crooked stick.</p> <p>“Early Edition” - main character has news for the day and the capacity to effect change. (See also <i>Quantum Leap, Touched by an Angel, Kevin ^Probably^ Saves the World</i>)</p>	<p>← Hold up a sign that says, “Round 2” as you begin the sermon. Or anytime you reference this is the second go around for Jonah.</p> <p>OR get a clapper board and write “Scene One, Take Two” on it and clap it.</p> <p>Maps of the area!</p> <p>Marc Chagall’s sketches of Jonah’s story.</p> <p>Vs. 4 - Even though Jonah doesn’t seem to put much into his sermon, the result</p>

			<p>is dramatic and widespread.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get a clear 2 litre bottle full of water. Add a drop of food coloring for every word of the sermon (7 or 8). Give it swirl to see the effect. <p>When God wants a thing done, even our little effort can be magnified.</p>
Math - Logical/Mathematical	Israel is called to be a conduit of God's grace for all of the nations rather than its terminus.		
Body - Kinesthetic MWD	Prophecy is chemotherapy for the body politic. Cathleen Kaveny, <i>From Jeremiah to Jonah</i>	<p>Advice <u>for packing</u> for a three day hike.</p> <p>Some information about <u>what hiking does</u> for one's body.</p>	<p>Know anyone who hikes? Have them speak to what a three day walk would be like.</p> <p>How would an urban hike be different from a cross-country one?</p> <p>Bring in some sackcloth (a.k.a. burlap) to pass around so people can feel it and imagine wearing it. Better still, make a sackcloth shirt.</p>
Musical		<u>Jonah's Blessing</u> , Jan Richardson, <i>The Painted Prayerbook</i> (bonus song on webpage)	
Nature MWD		<p>Vs. 4 - Nature smart and eye smart - Jonah tosses out a small shriveled up seed on unprepared ground (so he thinks) and just stands there, clearly not willing to do anything to germinate it.</p> <p>God sees the seed - finally spit out (much like Jonah himself) - and grabs it and through God work, makes it spring forth in flower</p>	<p>⇐ Bring in such a seed and a pot with some soil, and just drop or spit the seed on top of the soil.</p> <p>Have an identical pot with a well-established plant or vine (can be fake) hidden nearby, and swap them as you talk about what God does with Jonah's offering.</p> <p>If God does so much with</p>

		<p>and flourish and wrap the Ninevites in it's branches.</p> <p>Which was God's intention all along; he needed Jonah to spit the seed.</p>	<p>so little effort, what might God do with something serious?</p>
<p>People - Interpersonal</p> <p>D2</p>		<p>Imagine being a prophet charged with the task of approaching a country in the midst of civil war and genocide to stop the violence, repent, and hold democratic elections. OR go to Washington DC and tell Congress to repent and repeal Citizen's United. Tough work!</p> <p>Jonah may be interpreted to bring very little enthusiasm to his preaching.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like being the one to keep people from going into a burning building, but just mumbling "No, don't" as they go past. • Like posting a public notice that a whole neighborhood is going to be torn down in a small ad on page 9 of section C of the newspaper. • Like "helping the middle class" by passing legislation written by lobbyists and with no public hearings. 	
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p>		<p>If a central mark of faithfulness is responsiveness, how does Jonah rate on that scale? How do other prophets (including Jesus) rate?</p>	<p>Jonah was not afraid of failure; he was afraid of success. Has this ever been your motivation in ministry?</p>

		<p>How do you rate?</p> <p>Five words: did Jonah think that that was an acceptable minimum to get God off his back?</p>	<p>In the passage, Jonah is given a second chance from God to answer the call and go to Nineveh. Have you experienced a "do-over" from God? What did you do with that second chance? What does it mean when we don't get that second chance?</p>
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