

More Than Hearing Worksheet

Episode: AAdv3x2019

Text: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus 2 it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; 7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. 8 A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. 10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Word - B, Eye - S, Body - I, *Nature - B, *People - S, *Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic		Fred Gaiser at Working Preacher shows the poetry in this passage: an a-b-b-a or a-b-c-d-c-b-a pattern At the center of the concentric circles that describe the restoration of creation and humanity is God: "Here is your God," announces the prophet (v. 4b)	Go through this article and find the words to which Gaiser refers and arrange them in the concentric circles. This will also ping on EYE and MATH smart people!
Eye - Visual/Spatial			The California desert in super bloom this past spring! WOW!!! Click

			through the slide-show for some spectacular images!
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic		Vs 3. - more holy workouts!! Maybe a spiritual Peleton? ;-)	
Musical			
Natural MWD	<p>Commentary by Talitha Arnold, The Christian Century</p> <p>“Though it may challenge some of our Christmas traditions, I believe the fact that Christmas begins in the desert, and stays there, is actually the best part of the Christmas story. If God could be born there, God can be born in the harsh landscapes of our lives and our world.”</p>	<p>Death Valley bloomed spectacularly in 2016. Here is a video and an article that explain why.</p> <p>SEE ALSO EYE above</p>	<p>Do you have a small sandbox you could bring into the sanctuary? If not, maybe use a wading pool with sand in it. Shape the sand so it has some contour, flow, and maybe a little height gradient from one side to the other, and pack the sand in a channel. Then add water to make a river. You may need to line the channel with foil or plastic sheet of some kind, to hold the water.</p> <p>Sort of like this or this, but smaller.</p> <p>Ask some kids if it would be more fun (joyful?) to have just sand or to have water running through the sand?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>Or make two dioramas, one of desert land and one of a river basin.</p>
People - Interpersonal D2			<p>Some people act like deserts - dry and dusty and hardscrabble existence. Others are like streams in the desert - easy flowing, life-giving, and shaping their world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some factors that make the difference? • Which one are you?

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can you think of someone you know who is your opposite? Be intentional about spending some time with that person to explore the ways you each express these tendencies and what difference faith makes to each of you, and how you might support one another.
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> <p>MWD</p>			<p>Both desert landscapes and river basins have remarkable natural beauty and can have a positive effect on the soul and psyche. Both can harbor significant dangers, too. Which landscape would feel more refreshing to you, and why?</p>